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## CONFUSED AND CONFLICTING Grim Duel On Soviet Front

### ATTACK ON SIBERIA GUESS

A Japanese war with Russia is believed in Chinese circles in Chungking to be brought nearer by the German successes on the eastern front.

It is impossible to ascertain the number of Japanese troops massed in Manchukuo but well-informed Chinese opinion contends that the figure of 1,000,000, given in certain quarters, is somewhat high.

The Chinese military authorities in Chungking estimate total Japanese strength along the Russian border as between 580,000 and 800,000.

The same quarters place the total Soviet opposing strength at 600,000.—Reuter.

### Heavy German Crimea Offensive

#### SPITFIRES PROTECT SOVIET BOMBERS

R.A.F. fighters recently escorted Russian aircraft in several bombing operations, it was learned authoritatively in London yesterday.

No fighter opposition was encountered.—Reuter.

(Military Commentary By "Annalist")

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN BATTLE FRONT IS AGAIN CONFUSED AND CONFLICTING. ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES SPEAK OF HEAVY FIGHTING AT LENINGRAD AND ODESSA, AT NEITHER OF THESE BASTIONS OF SOVIET RESISTANCE DO THE GERMANS APPEAR TO HAVE MADE ANY HEADWAY.

The Germans now assert that the reduction of Leningrad is a matter of two or three days but they have made similar claims on previous occasions, probably with as much justification.

Certainly there is no sign of any weakening of confidence in the tone of the Russian communiques, and independent news messages from Leningrad.

The population, men and women, seem to be animated with an unbreakable spirit that has more than matched the ruthless ardour of the Nazi assailants. In the central sector, the fighting seems more stabilised, with the initiative with the Soviet in local counter-attacks which gain some ground and inflict heavy losses.

#### Crimea Offensive

In the south, reports have reached London suggesting that the Germans are launching a fairly heavy offensive against the Crimea.

Four divisions are reported to have been allotted this task, that is about 70,000 men, but if the Russian defence is on the scale of other parts of the front the Germans will find them none too many.

Strong defence lines on the isthmus, sailors from the Sebastopol naval base, who are known to be tough fighting men, and aircraft from the naval air base in the Crimea, will all contribute to the defence.

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### ATTACKS ON SHIPPING

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS: "ON WEDNESDAY THE WEATHER WAS UNFAVOURABLE FOR AIR OPERATIONS BUT AIRCRAFT ON PATROL CONTINUED TO ATTACK ENEMY SHIPPING. "Off the coast of Norway a Hudson aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed a large enemy supply ship from a low level and off Dunkirk Hurricane aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked an enemy mine-sweeper with cannon and machine-gun fire."—Reuter.

### ISLE OF MAN INCIDENTS

The disturbance at the Peel (Isle of Man) internment camp which followed the recapture of three men who had escaped, is the subject of an official inquiry by the Home Office.

A statement issued yesterday stated the inquiry is nearing completion and already it is clear that some of the accounts of the incident were exaggerated.

There was much shouting and disorderly conduct but no assault directed at any person and only two were slightly injured. The Home Secretary, however, takes a serious view of the disturbance and appropriate measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs when the inquiry is completed.—Reuter.

### SHOOT ON SIGHT POLL

FIFTY-SIX PER CENT. OF AMERICANS APPROVE IN GENERAL "FOR HAVING THE UNITED STATES SHOOT GERMAN SUBMARINES OR WARSHIPS ON SIGHT," ACCORDING TO THE LATEST GALLUP POLL, THE RESULT OF WHICH WAS ISSUED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

Thirty-four per cent. disapproved and 10 per cent. were undecided.

The survey was made approximately a week after President Roosevelt's broadcast on the protection of convoys.—Reuter.

### "KNEW TOO MUCH"

SIGNOR SEBASTIANI, FORMER PERSONAL SECRETARY TO MUSSOLINI, HAS BEEN KILLED IN A FLYING ACCIDENT, ACCORDING TO A GENEVA REPORT TO THE OFFICIAL RUSSIAN NEWS AGENCY LAST NIGHT.

The agency adds there are rumours in Rome that the accident was one in name only and that Sebastiani's death was really due to the fact that "he knew too much."—Reuter.

### RUMANIAN TROOPS ROUTED AT ODESSA

THE POSITION of the Odessa garrison has been greatly improved by an action in which the 13th and 15th Rumanian Infantry Divisions were routed for the second time, it was announced in Moscow yesterday.

These troops, after an earlier mauling at the hands of the Russians, were reformed and flung against the defences in an effort on which their commanders evidently pinned high hopes, says the "Red Star."

After day-long fighting the Rumanians broke through the Soviet lines at the cost of several hundred dead.

Undismayed the Russians regrouped their forces and attacked the flank of the Rumanian troops and isolated them from the main army before the breach could be exploited.

When on the other flank a surprise attack was made with the aid of Soviet naval units landed from the sea, the Rumanians broke and fled.

"As a result," the "Red Star" concluded, "the defence line of Odessa was pushed forward a considerable distance."—Reuter.

ranging from one to five points. But extreme losses were in many cases reduced before the market closed, when news from Washington suggested Mr. Morgenthau's suggestion was likely to encounter strong opposition in both houses of Congress.

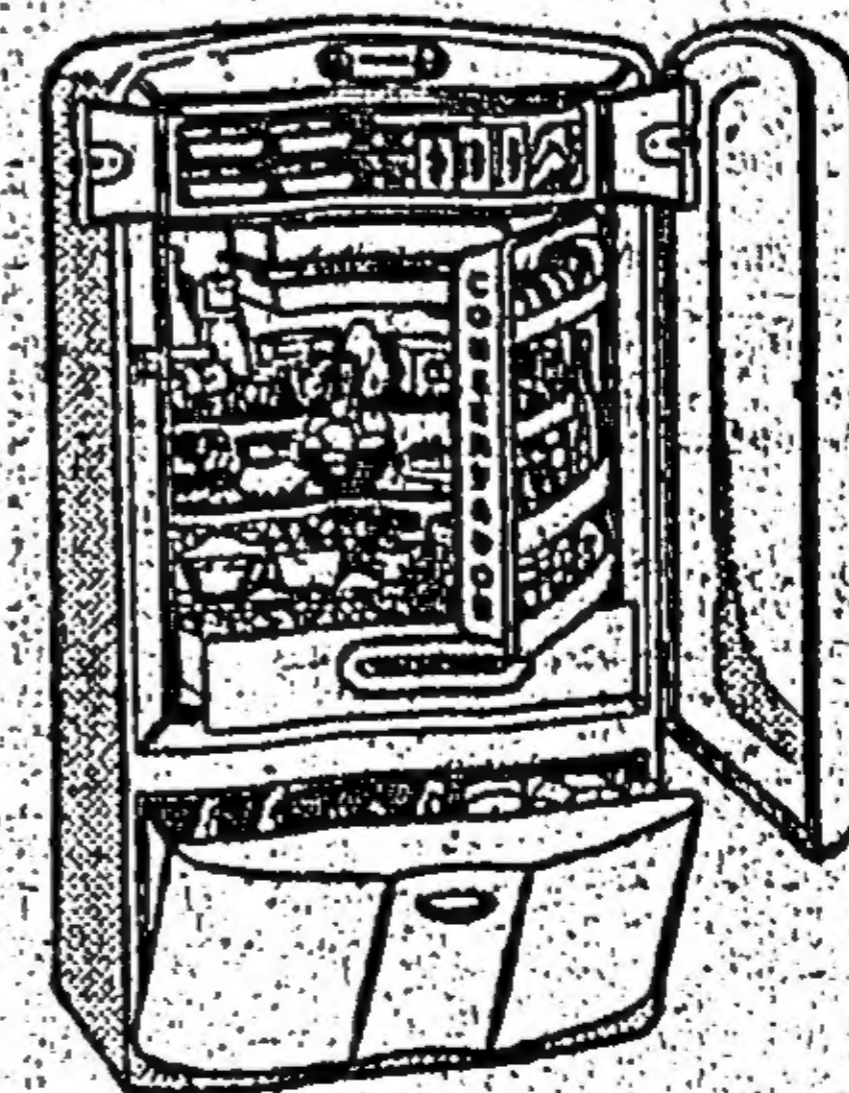
Some 1,200,000 shares changed hands during the day which is the largest total for two months.—Reuter.

### Shock To N.Y. Market

A recommendation by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of Treasury, that all profits should be limited to six per cent. during the present emergency, caused yesterday one of the sharpest New York Stock Market breaks since April.

Steels, motors, aircraft and other industrial specialties were among the first to tumble, declined

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# Harnessing Of Science To Needs And Causes Of Peace

## MR. EDEN ON WORLD OF FUTURE

"WE HAD TO CALL ON you to help us in the cause for which we are fighting. We shall need you even more for the cause for which we will be working in peace."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, made this statement when welcoming at a British Council lunch in London yesterday delegates to the British Association meeting on science and world order which opens to-day.

"Hitler's regime and its conception of the master race and sub-jest races is founded on racial intolerance and buttressed by cruelty."

"It must be overthrown and so at present your work is destined to be dedicated to the destruction of this regime."

Mr. Eden said there was once in Heidelberg University an inscription "to the living spirit." That had now gone and had been replaced by "to the German spirit."

It was that German spirit which made German scientists slaves of a regime which was opposed to everything science represented.

### Science And Statecraft

"That spirit has to be overcome. We have to see to it in the political sphere that when it is overcome precautions are taken so that the world may not be subjected again to the ordeal it has endured so many times from this same German spirit."

"The advent of the machine brought astonishing material advantages to many but led to inequalities, to much selfishness, to unfair division and to materialism."

"If, after the war, we are going to have many changes with these things science and statecraft must work together."

"You will help us and guide us and if there is any contribution we can make you know we will be only too happy to make it."—Reuter.

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## WHIPPET SAVES HER MASTER

Bill Newman, veteran Dover trawler hand, who has survived all the hazards of war in the Channel, slipped on a moss-covered ladder when going ashore from his ship, at Dover. He fell into the harbour.

Nobody saw him go except his whippet called Dover. She raced madly up and down the deck and dragged members of the crew to the spot.

Newman was rescued and sent to hospital with two broken ribs. Afterwards he went many miles away to recuperate.

Dover pined for him. She would neither eat nor drink, and spent hours searching everywhere for her master.

Newman's shipmates did everything they could to stop her worrying. It was no use. One day she was found dead.

## NAKED DUTCHMAN'S GIBE AT GERMANS

The London "Daily Mirror" recently published a picture of a man walking in the street wearing nothing more than his hat, golf stockings and shoes.

The report accompanying the picture said: "This is a Dutchman and how he walked out in the streets of Amsterdam. He was almost immediately arrested."

"But he explained that the Nazis' clothing ration allowed him 'one suit a year' and here he was walking out in it as a protest."

"The Nazis called it impudence, and sent the man to a concentration camp. His friends snatched a picture of him and smuggled it out of Holland."

## 'YOUR SON WILL NOT RETURN'—HEIL HITLER

A contrast in official and private death notices of German soldiers is noted by Mr. Wickham Stead, former editor of "The Times."

In official Nazi party newspapers, notices inserted by relatives read the same:—

"In memory of . . . For the Fuehrer and the Reich he found a hero's death."

But in older newspapers, many of which have managed to maintain something of their former character, no mention is made of Hitler or the Nazis in page after page of death notices.

An example is: "In memory of to give up a young and hopeful life in bitter fighting on the eastern front."

The official German Government card sent to parents of soldiers killed in action reads:—

"Your son will not return. Heil Hitler."

## MAIN FACTORS FOR FLYING ARE CONFIDENCE AND DETERMINATION

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL make-up of the candidate is probably the most important factor in suitability for flying, says a doctor.

Flying under war conditions calls for cool judgment, courage, and determination, he declares in the Medical Journal in telling of problems of recruit-enlistment.

"The seasoned pilot flies his aircraft as an experienced driver drives his motor car," the doctor says. "Many of his actions are of a semi-automatic nature."

Up to 90 per cent. of the failures in flying training are due to indirect lack of flying ability. It has been stated, and the doctor says that, again, this is due to lack of the flying temperament. Outstanding factors making up flying temperament are confidence and determination.

### Some Tests

He then outlines some tests of medical and psychological value. In one, the applicant is instructed, after exhaling a deep breath, to take as deep a breath as possible. Then, blowing through a mouthpiece, he is told to force a column of mercury up to a certain height, and to keep it there as long as possible.

"Some applicants will hang on until, on account of cyanosis (blueness), or an undue fall in the pulse rate, the examiner tells them to stop; others, on the contrary, will show little determination, and give up after 20 or 30 seconds."

Those records of courage and endurance, which have made us proud of our flying men, are in no small measure due to maintenance of a high standard of physical, psychological, and intellectual fitness, the doctor contends.

## PATROLS ACTIVE IN LIBYA

A Cairo G.H.Q. communiqué states: "Our patrols from Tobruk continue to operate nightly over a wide front."

"In the frontier area our patrols have also been active."—Reuter.

## Aviation Petrol Demands

Plans to treble the United States refining capacity for aviation petrol, at an expenditure of approximately \$150,000,000, was announced yesterday by Mr. Harold Ickes, Petroleum Coordinator.

HE DISCLOSED THAT THE NAVY HAD ENTERED THE MARKET WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS FOR 600,000 BARRELS OF AVIATION PETROL AND HAD FAILED TO GET BIDS.

The Navy is understood to have sufficient high octane aviation fuel for its present needs and was seeking stocks for storage.

Mr. Ickes told the press that the emergency in respect of 100 octane petrol had intensified materially by the needs of Russia and Britain, and recalled that he said several weeks ago the refining capacity should be doubled.

He declared the situation now required that it should be trebled.

Fifty new refining plants were needed to boost the daily refining capacity from 40,000 to approximately 120,000 barrels.—Reuter.

## SIR SAMUEL HOARE VISITING ENGLAND

Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador to Spain, accompanied by Lady Hoare, left Madrid yesterday by air for Lisbon en route to London.

It is expected they will stay in London three or four weeks.—Reuter.

## FABULOUS FORTUNE FABLES

An official announcement published in Teheran yesterday stated that the Government has made a close inquiry and has discovered there is no confirmation of a report that the ex-Shah had deposited money in foreign banks.

Open allegations that the ex-Shah possessed vast wealth deposited in foreign countries, probably under a false name, have recently been made in Parliament, and the press has been discussing the possibility of the Iranian Government laying hands on such funds.

The semi-official newspaper "Journal de Teheran" reports that all the ex-Shah's family, with the exception of his wife, are at present with him at Ker-mán, in south-eastern Persia, and they will probably accompany him from Iran.

The newspaper adds the ex-Shah is going to the United States but his wife will go to Teheran.—Reuter.

## ROYAL WELCOME TO WINDSORS

THOUSANDS CROWDED THE APPROACHES TO WASHINGTON'S UNION STATION EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING TO ROAR A TUMULTUOUS WELCOME TO THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR.

They were greeted officially by Sir Ronald Campbell, British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr. George Summerlin, the State Department's Chief of Protocol.—Reuter.

## BIG AUSTRALIAN AIR CONTINGENT

It was officially announced in Sydney yesterday that the largest contingent of Royal Australian Air Force trainees to leave Australia since the outbreak of the war has reached Canada.

They include detachments of trained pilots, observers, gunners, and ground staff personnel for Britain and others who are to complete their training in Canada.—Reuter.



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# AMERICA'S PART IN THE WAR

## Neutrality Act Repeal Move

### President May Ask For More

**INFORMED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON ARE REPORTED AS BELIEVING THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS NEXT WEEK, WILL GO MUCH FURTHER THAN A REQUEST FOR REPEAL OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT.**

It is understood, according to reports from the capital, that the final decision on how much further has not been reached, as the State Department's legal advisers are still engaged on a comprehensive study of the Act, which will provide the President and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, with the necessary information for recommendations to Congress.

Senator Taft, the isolationist Republican and son of the former President, says repeal "would be equivalent to a declaration of war."

Any change in the act, he declared, should be coupled with the question of sending ships into combat zones.

He added that Senators opposing the Administration's foreign policy will meet next week to decide on their strategy.

Administration congressional leaders predict that the President will ask repeal or revision of the Neutrality Act within a fortnight and that Congress will approve the request.

#### Resolution Introduced

Senator McKellar has introduced in the Senate a resolution to repeal the Neutrality Act.

Declaring that the Act was "in direct conflict with our freedom of the seas policy," Senator McKellar told the Senate that the law ought to be repealed outright.

Senator McKellar is Democrat from Tennessee and has been a consistent supporter of the Administration's foreign policy but there is no immediate indication whether he introduced the resolution with the knowledge of Senate leaders.

Senator McKellar said he thought that when the law was on the Statute Books the Government was "virtually paying no attention to it" and for that reason it ought to be repealed.

#### Empty Shell

In the House of Representatives, Roy Woodruff (Michigan) declared: "The President is going to give Congress an opportunity to agree with the President that the Act should be repealed."

He added: "The Neutrality Act is the merest shell of an empty statute which the Government does not intend to enforce."

"Every informed member of Congress and every informed observer in Washington knows that President Roosevelt has not left one vestige of the Neutrality Act unviolated in spirit if not in letter."

"Judging by President Roosevelt's past performance it would matter little to him whether Congress did or did not modify or repeal the ragged remnants of the Act, because the President himself in effect repeals, modifies and amends statutes to suit himself when he feels the occasion requires it."

#### "Dead As Dodo"

"It is a mistake for the American people to be misled into believing the issue confronts Congress in the sense that the Neutrality Act, anemic as it is, has prevented the President and his administrators from proceeding as they pleased in the conduct of national preparedness, the Administration Lease-Lend Act, and so-called defence of the Western Hemisphere."

### ANTITANK GUNS POUR OUT

AUSTRALIAN-MADE ANTI-TANK GUNS ARE NOW ROLLING OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINES AT A FASTER RATE THAN YET ATTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES, SAYS A SYDNEY "MORNING HERALD" SPECIAL WRITER AFTER A VISIT TO A GREAT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORDNANCE FACTORY.

The first Australian anti-tank gun was produced in April. Now manufacture has been speeded up so rapidly that the full scheduled output has been reached.

This main factory, with 50 component manufacturing shops, was erected in three months, the wartime ordnance organisation bearing comparison with the most efficient factories in Britain and Germany.

Many anti-tank guns have already been shipped to equip members of the Australian Forces overseas.—Reuter.

### SHIP BLOWS UP UNDER DIRECT HIT BY R.A.F.

**YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. Middle East communique stated that Benghazi was again successfully raided by R.A.F. heavy bombers during the night of September 23-24.**

At Tripoli many bombs were dropped on shipping in the harbour and fires broke out. Benghazi harbour and shipping were attacked.

### GERMAN LOSSES IN POLISH WAR

POLISH MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY STATED THAT GERMAN LOSSES IN THE POLISH GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER, 1939, WERE 90,000 KILLED AND 200,000 WOUNDED WITH 400 TANKS AND 500 planes destroyed.

The first incomplete list of Polish casualties contains the names of more than 1,000 Polish officers and non-commissioned officers killed.—Reuter.

### SUPPLY OF MICA BY INDIA

It is understood in Simla that certain arrangements regarding the supply of mica were reached between Mr. Henry Grady, special U.S. economic investigator in the Far East, and the Indian interests concerned during Mr. Grady's visit to Calcutta.

India is the world's leading producer of sheet mica, one of the most vital key materials required in modern war production.—Reuter.

### SINKING OF FIFTY NAZI SHIPS CLAIMED

The Soviet Fleet Air Arm has sunk 50 German ships in the Baltic since the beginning of the war, according to Moscow radio last night quoted by Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA'S COLOSSAL WAR EFFORT

"AUSTRALIA TAKES THE WAR MOST SERIOUSLY AND NO CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE IN THIS RESPECT," SAID SIR FREDERIC EGGELETON, FIRST AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO CHINA, WHO IS NOW IN RANGOON EN ROUTE TO CHUNGKING.

Sir Frederic made this statement in an interview with Reuter yesterday.

He added Australia was making a war effort which was colossal for a nation of seven millions.

He expressed Australia's greatest admiration for the splendid resistance by China against aggression, and especially for the great leaders of the Chinese people.

Emphasising the unity of the diplomatic system of the British Commonwealth, Sir Frederic said that while Australia was taking full responsibility for the protection of her interests in the Pacific she recognised that the responsibility could be discharged only under a system by which there was joint consultation and co-operation between British representatives, and he hoped fully to cooperate with the British Ambassador in Chungking.—Reuter.

### LAUNDRY EMPLOYS NEW MEN

THIRTY NEW WORKERS WERE ENGAGED BY THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY YESTERDAY FOLLOWING THE WALK-OUT OF ABOUT 75 PER CENT OF THEIR ORIGINAL STAFF OF LAUNDRYMEN AND ASSISTANTS.

The Company is now carrying on with this skeleton staff but it is likely that more workers will be engaged during the day.

The strikers failed to turn up for their wages and it was stated this morning that these salaries will be handed over to the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, today.

### TERM EXTENDED

The term of office of Lord Wakehurst as Governor of New South Wales has been extended for a period of 12 months from April 8, 1942, says Reuter from London.

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Other bombs burst on the moles and straddled ships at anchorage.

Fleet Air Arm aircraft bombed buildings near Bardia on the same night. A large fire followed the attack.

In daylight on Wednesday, traffic on the Benghazi road between Misurata and Sirte was bombed and machine-gunned. A petrol tank vehicle received a direct hit and burst out while many other vehicles were damaged. Some collided and another ran off the road.

South African bombers raided a large dump near Bardia.

Our fighters were active in the frontier area and off the North African coast on Wednesday.

#### Enemy Intercepted

In the course of these operations a number of enemy aircraft were intercepted and damaged.

In the Ionian Sea a Cant. 506 seaplane was intercepted by our aircraft and shot down. Two of the crew were seen to take to a dinghy.

Reconnaissance in the central Mediterranean shows that the large merchant ship attacked by R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm aircraft during the night of September 22/23 had sunk.

From all these operations five of our aircraft are missing. Two of the R.A.F. pilots are safe.—Reuter.

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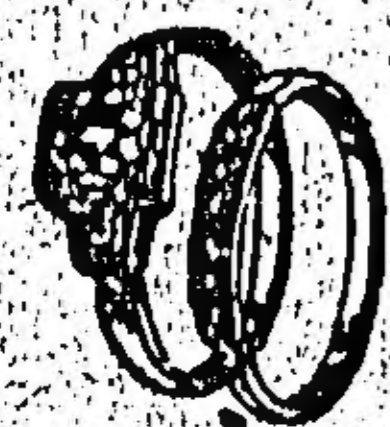
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# "BIG TEN" MAKE UP FREE FRENCH NATIONAL COMMITTEE

THE "BIG TEN," as the new Free French National Committee has already been termed, includes men who have seen wide and varied experience in the service of their country.

The Commissioner for War, General Gentilhomme, was the first French army chief openly to defy the Armistice and was a passenger in the "Empress of Britain" when she was bombed and sunk by German aircraft.

## YOUTHFUL SAILOR'S TERRIBLE ORDEALS

Two years ago, when he was 19, Leslie Vail, of Northbridge, Australia, joined the mercantile marine because he was tired of his job and wanted adventure, states the "Sydney Morning Herald."

Since then he has been on two torpedoed ships, adrift alone on a raft for eight days, and shelled by a merchant ship which mistook his raft for a U-boat before it rescued him.

The Shipping Federation of Cardiff notified Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vail that their son had been killed, but before the message arrived, Vail cabled his parents saying he was safe.

### Vail's Story

Here is the story he told his parents by letter written from a hospital in England: I am suffering from horribly frost-bitten feet. A few days out on the way home from Bermuda we were torpedoed again.

This time the ship carried a heavy cargo, and went down quickly, leaving me struggling amid broken timbers and hatch covers.

I swam to a raft and began to flash a lamp. Then I was horrified to see a U-boat coming towards me. With visions of prison camp in my mind I put out the lamp, and the submarine glided past.

About 9 a.m. I was overjoyed to see a ship's boat about two miles away. I immediately started to paddle towards it. At 5 p.m. I had covered about a mile. When I was just near enough to distinguish the figures in the boat they hoisted sail and disappeared over the horizon.

The next day found me less dry and terribly hungry. The next day my feet were swelling to a most amazing size.

Night again, and at dawn I found that my cask of water had developed a leak and was half salt. A school of whales swam by. Will they upset me? I try to eat a biscuit and can't. Another day and I'll be finished.

### Terrible Sufferings

Another night—hands frozen, feet like two footballs. No sleep now for two days—only in snatches full of nightmares. Another day, making five now. I'm hungry but can't eat any biscuits, because my throat is covered in salt. Talking to myself, going crazy, water mostly salt now. Thinking of going for a swim—water looks good. Tell myself not to be silly.

Two more days, and I have given up hope almost. Then dawn again. A ship! It turns off and is broadside. A flash and a shell whistles over my head. They think I'm a sub. I struggle to my feet and wave. Three hoots on the whistle and they are alongside. I have collapsed, but I can see eager faces lining the rails. "You're all right now, mate." Tears stream down my face. Good old Merchant Navy!

He was formerly Governor of Djibouti and commanded the Anglo-French forces in Somaliland when France collapsed.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs is M. Maurice Dejean, who was Secretary to the French Embassy in Berlin for nine years.

At the outbreak of war he returned to Paris and became confidential secretary first to M. Daladier and then to M. Reynaud. Since his arrival in Britain he has been head of the Free French Diplomatic Service.

Vice-Admiral Muselier has commanded the Free French naval and air forces since July, 1940.

### Ex-Servicemen's Union

Professor Rene Cassin founded the French Union of Ex-Servicemen and has been Secretary of the Free French Empire Defence Council.

M. Andre Dethelm was Chef du Cabinet to M. Mandel, Minister of Interior, when France collapsed.

Captain Daragenlieu is a priest in civil life. During the Dakar incident last year he was instrumental in preventing the capture of General de Gaulle's envoys.

He recently toured Canada explaining the Free French movement to French-Canadians.

M. Hauck is the well-known Socialist journalist and propagandist.

M. Alphand was Attache at the Vichy Embassy in Washington last year.

### Air Specialists

M. Rene Plevin served at the Air Ministry in Paris at the outbreak of war and afterwards was second in charge of the French air mission to the U.S.

Air Commodore Valin is a specialist in night flying. The French Government sent him to the Near East in 1935 and later to Brazil on a special mission. From there he came to Britain to join General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

## CHIEF OF U.S. AIR CORPS IN MIDDLE EAST

Major-General Brett, Chief of the U.S. Air Corps, accompanied by Lt.-Col. Fellers, American Military Attache in Cairo, and other Staff officers, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday says a Reuter despatch.

## SHUTTLE AIR SERVICE TO MANILA

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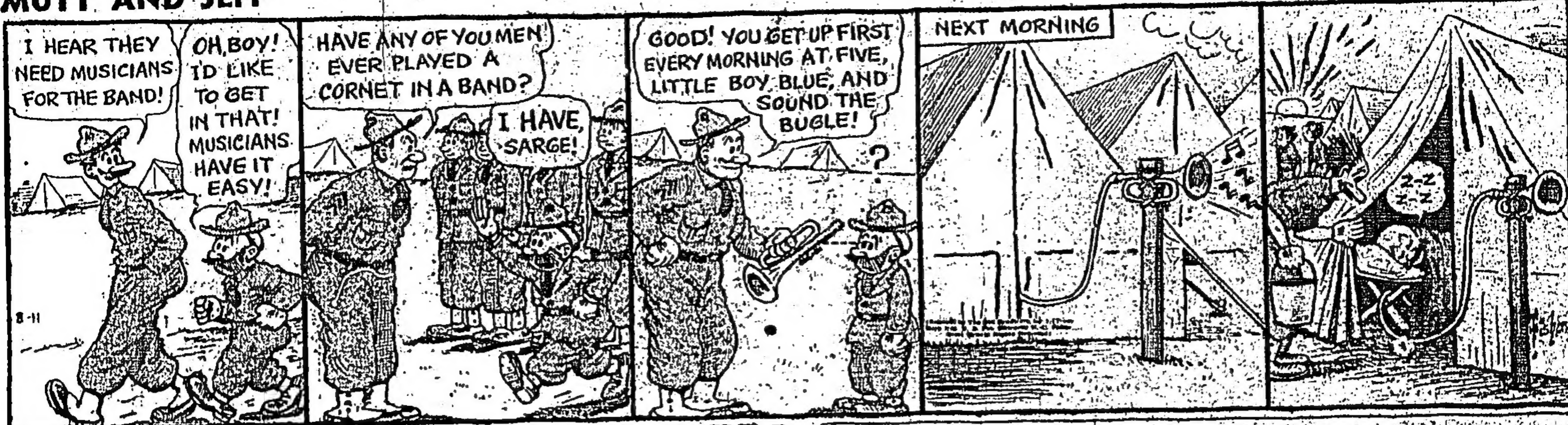
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# INDIA'S GROWING AIR POWER NOW APPARENT

## RUSSIANS TRAIN FOR BRITISH TANKS

It is understood that the Russians are establishing schools for the training of crews for British tanks, and probably Russian military experts will visit Britain for tank instruction.

Tank production this week will create a record and it is Government's intention that the record production should be maintained.

The volume of tanks and munitions to be sent to Russia during the winter and spring of next year will be a high percentage of British production.

Efforts are being made to speed up transport so that British supplies to Russia will arrive in the shortest possible time.

Railways and roads in the Middle East are being developed in order to take increased supplies from Britain to Russia.—Reuter.

SIGNIFICANT SIGNS of India's growing air power are now apparent. The trickle of imported British and American warplanes reaching the country is giving signs of developing into an ever-increasing stream, while another indication is the growing efficiency of the assemblage plant in south India, which is getting into its stride.

So promising is India's position in fact that an immediate problem is the production of trained personnel in sufficient numbers to meet the anticipated flow of machines which will soon be available.

## SENTENCED TO DEATH

General de Gentilhomme, former Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Somaliland, who is now with the Free French, was sentenced to death in his absence by a court martial at Gannat yesterday.

The court also ordered confiscation of his property. — Reuter.

Reuter learns that existing facilities are adequate to cope with the further expansion of the Indian Air Force, which will shortly take place.

In future all recruits will be granted commissions for the duration of the war immediately they have completed training. Under the former system those who could not be immediately absorbed were returned to civil life until their services were required.

## To Give Impetus

This assurance of a commission, as opposed to civil life, for an indefinite period, is expected to give a great impetus in the number of applications from all over India to join the Air Force.

Further notable evidence of India's growing wings was provided this month when for three weeks large-scale aerial tactical exercises were held by the Indian Air Force.

Observers expressed the greatest satisfaction in the performance of the Indian pilots, whose skill in handling their aircraft in the most advanced manoeuvres caused general admiration.—Reuter.

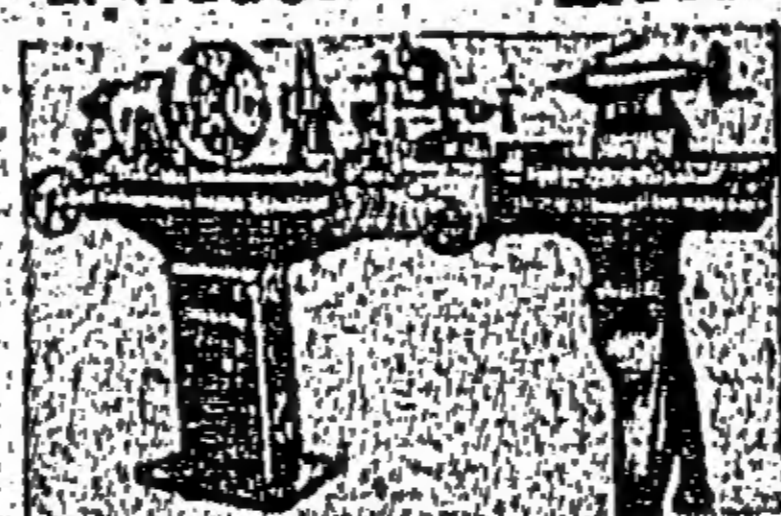
## NURSE SEES PATIENT FALL TO DEATH

Looking through a spy-hole, a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, saw Mrs. Mary Geraldine Mozley, 64, wife of Canon Joan Kenneth Mozley, of St. Paul's Cathedral, climb out of a second-floor ward window and fall to her death.

The nurse said at the Hammer-smith inquest recently: "I called her name, but she took no notice, and when I got in she was hanging on the ledge by her hands. I caught hold of her left shoulder, but she let go her hold and fell into the area below."

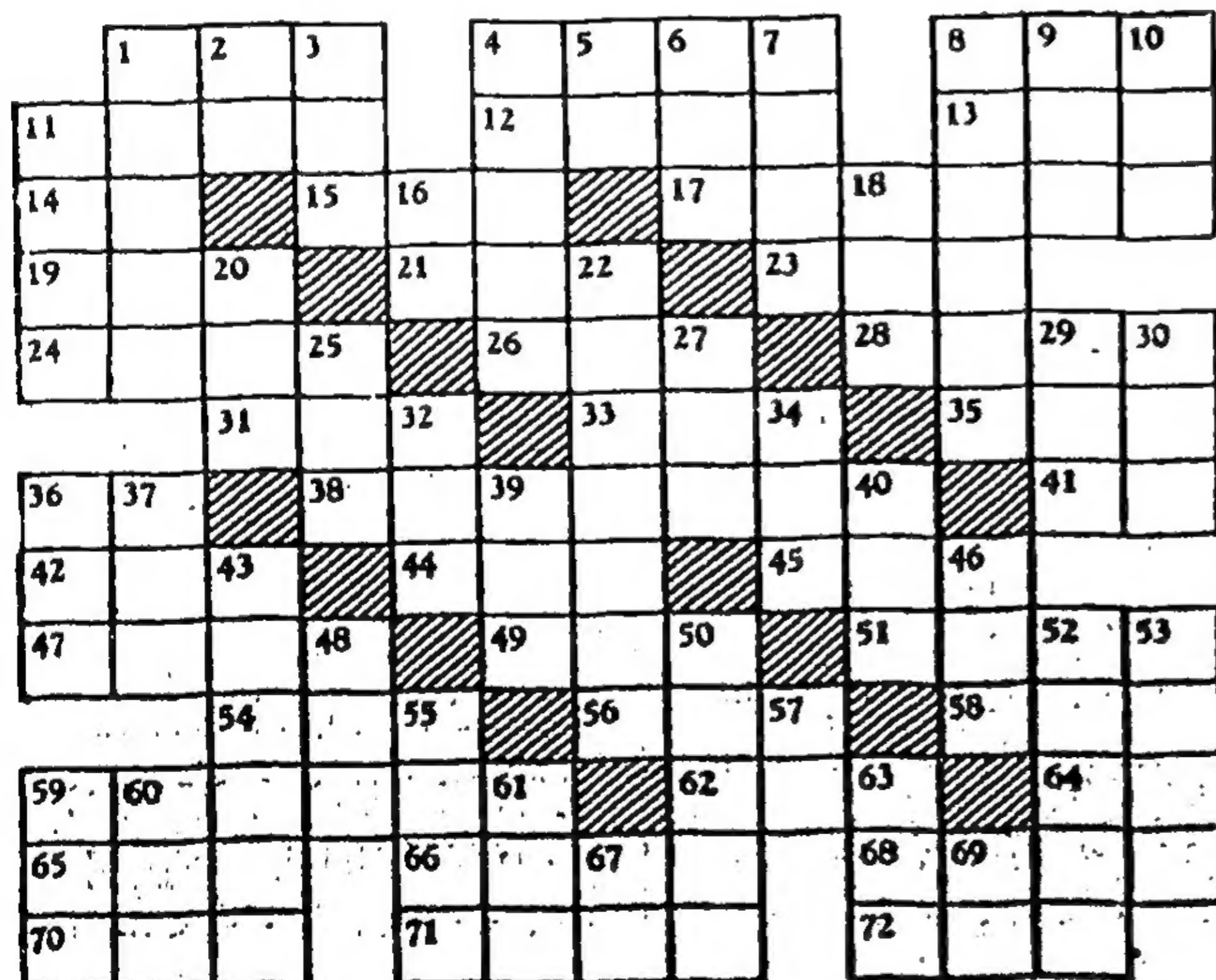
Canon Mozley described how his wife had worried after "a terrible night" in the Cathedral crypt during a severe raid on London. "Suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed was the verdict."

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- 6 Cry of sheep
- 11 Impolite
- 12 Egg-shaped
- 13 Archaic antiquity
- 14 Above
- 15 What for?
- 17 To clog with mud
- 19 To recline
- 21 Snake-like fish
- 23 Tropical fruit
- 24 To deduct
- 26 To knock
- 28 Strong wind
- 31 Inlet
- 33 Nothing
- 35 Carpet
- 36 Symbol for iron
- 38 To reel
- 41 To depart
- 42 Sprite
- 44 Ostrich-like bird
- 45 To silence
- 47 Ardour
- 49 Vast age
- 51 Healthy
- 54 Brazilian coin
- 56 To rend
- 58 To fasten

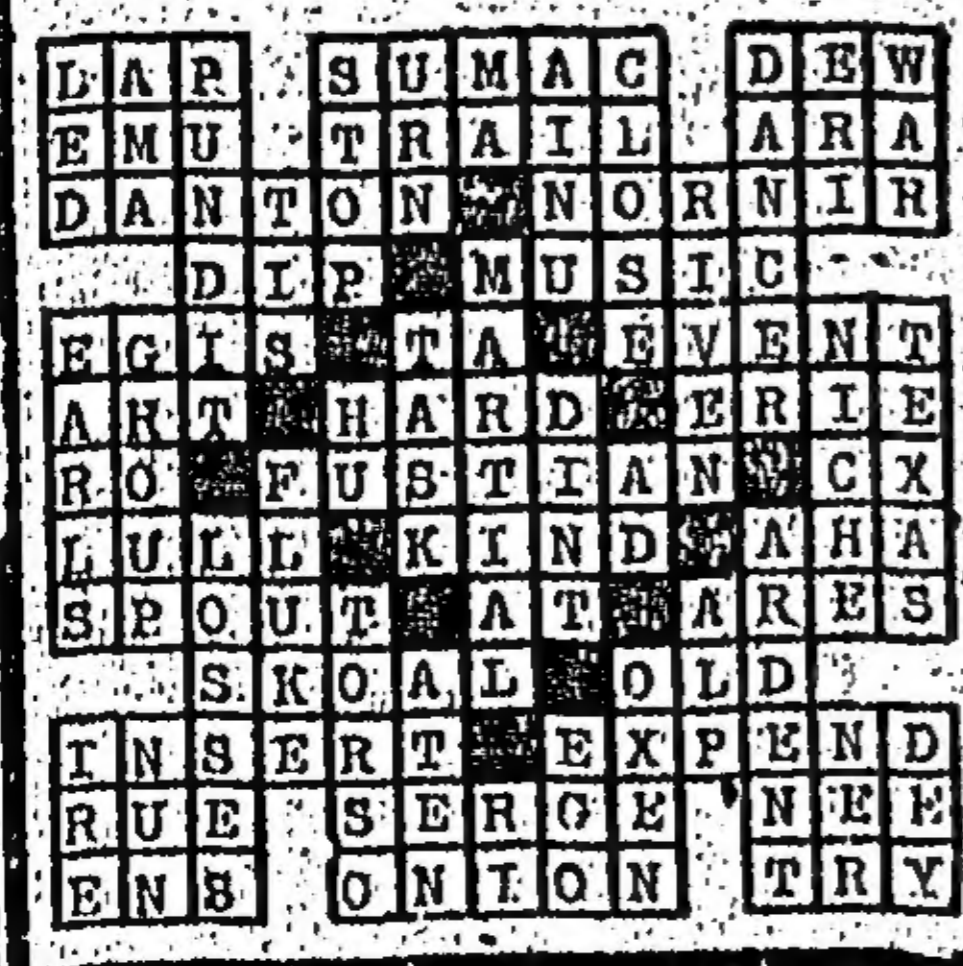
### VERTICAL

- 1 Son of Venus
- 2 Paid notice
- 3 To cry like a cat
- 4 Lobby
- 5 Four
- 6 Scoundrel
- 7 Masculine name
- 8 Pauper

### 9 Completely

- 10 Humorist
- 11 Law
- 12 That man
- 13 Fish spear
- 20 Norse goddess of peace
- 22 Sluggishness
- 25 Poetic: it is
- 27 Swine
- 29 To haul
- 30 The self
- 32 Eroded
- 34 Support
- 36 Charge
- 37 Cloth measure
- 39 Rice paste
- 40 College cheer
- 43 To give birth to
- 46 Opening
- 48 Bill
- 50 African river
- 52 To confine
- 53 Wife of Gerald
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# PEASANTS KEY TO CHINA'S FUTURE

THE GROWING divergence between the status of the peasantry in guerilla areas of North China where the Communists are powerful, and the status of the peasantry in Kuomintang-controlled central and south China is regarded by many observers as one of the major conditioning factors of Chinese politics.

Many see in it an underlying cause of the recent clashes between the Kuomintang and the Communists, and consider it one of the most important problems which a victorious China would have to face, writes Hugh Deans in the "Christian Science Monitor."

Those observers point out that in the long run the peasantry has always been the most powerful determinant of Chinese politics. Throughout Chinese history, when economic conditions became intolerable, a rising tide of peasant rebellions revealed that the "heavenly mandate" of the ruling dynasty had been exhausted. The leaders of the revolt would ultimately succeed in establishing a new dynasty, and the process of reconstitution and change would again commence to unfold.

A streamlined version of an old-style peasant rebellion is now going on in north China, slightly disguised as guerilla warfare. Rebellion was implicit in the situation caused by the war. The Japanese invasion released a revolt which had long been smoldering. The very fact that the north China peasant took up arms to defend his village changed his status and made him an unconscious bearer of the torch of agrarian revolution. For when the peasant guerillas began to fight they began to demand reforms to fight for. At the very beginning the leadership of the peasants was acquired by the Communists and such groups as the Shansi Sacrifice League and the National Salvationists.

### Agrarian Movement

The Communists — Chinese Communism is quite essentially an agrarian movement. Their allies have brought the north China peasantry new and improved techniques of struggle — techniques which the Reds acquired during ten years of civil war. By a shrewd guerilla warfare the Japanese control of north China has been confined to the big cities and towns and lines of communication. The hinterland has remained in the hands of the guerillas.

The effect of Communist leadership has been to convert typical sporadic peasant uprisings into a widespread, integrated guerilla war capable of being waged for years.

Despite the gloomy predictions of many military experts, the guerillas have already been in the field for three and a half years, and Japanese reports from north China admit that the "Red bandits" are more firmly entrenched than ever.

### Guerilla Movement in North China

The basis of the guerilla movement in north China has been a number of political and economic reforms calculated to attract the loyalties of the peasants. Guerilla governments have been established — the largest of them, the Shansi-Hopei-Chahar Border Government, controls the rural areas of 90 hsiens (counties) with a population of 10,000,000 — in which the peasants have been accorded certain democratic rights. The village chiefs and local and hsiens councils are elected by the peasants, which some observers hold to be an important experiment in democracy. The widespread organization of peasant unions, furthermore, has given the peasantry a new source of political power. In the Shansi-Hopei-Chahar Border Region alone 1,000,000 peasants are reported to have been unionized.

A moderate agrarian programme based on that of Sun Yat-sen has been carried out. A 25 per cent. reduction in rent, a cardinal point in Sun's programme, has been widely enforced. Land belonging to landlords who fled to Japanese-occupied areas has been divided

up among the poor peasants. The authorities have encouraged the establishment of agricultural and industrial cooperatives, which have developed far more in guerilla areas than elsewhere.

While north China's semi-feudal society cannot be said to have been altered fundamentally, the peasantry has acquired increased political power.

### Inflation Brings Changes

The main significant changes in the status of the peasants in central and south China have come as a result of the inflation. The cheapening of the currency has enabled debt-ridden peasants to pay up. The general effect of the inflation, however, has not been to cause a basis for reform but to fortify the status quo. In the first place, the vast majority of peasants produce only enough for subsistence and rent — in a semi-feudal economy the rent automatically approximates what the peasant produces above what his family requires to subsist — and the value of money, therefore, is of relatively little importance. Secondly, while fewer peasants are reduced to tenancy, few are able to improve their position by purchasing land, for land values are equal to or above the general price level.

In another respect inflation has affected the peasantry adversely — it has decreased the supply of cheap credit.

In recent years the Central Government has established thousands of rural credit societies to supply peasants with loans at an annual interest of about 10 per cent — low compared with rates obtainable from money-lenders which average 25 or 30 per cent.

### Credit Available

But it was found that even at best the credit available was insufficient to go around and much of the money went to well-to-do peasants or landlords who re-lent it at usurious rates — a sample survey in Shensi revealed that only 2 per cent of cheap credit went to tenants, who need it most. Faced with inflation and more urgent financial demands, the Government last autumn decreed that funds allocated for rural credit would be reduced. And because of the inflation more credit is needed than formerly. Before the war each mou of land (a mou is one-sixth of an acre) required about \$15 capital a year; now each mou requires about \$150. Unless counteractive measures are adopted, experts have warned, the credit shortage will ultimately entail a decline in agricultural production.

### Conflict Foreseen

About 60 per cent. of Chinese peasants are tenants, 25 per cent. part-tenants and 25 per cent. independent owners. Most, and the best land, is owned by a small group of landlords, who are powerfully represented in the Kuomintang. Before the war high rent, exorbitant taxes and usurious interest rates coupled with floods, drought and the disastrous effects of the world depression, generated a marked trend to concentration of land ownership and tenancy.

An increasing amount of land went out of cultivation, and China, reputedly a great agricultural country, had to import rice. Thousands of peasants were forced off land — a source of cheap labour in the cities, of banditry and Communism. Excellent crops just before and just after the war somewhat alleviated the situation, — though

## "FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO GROUSE"

"One of the things we are fighting for is the right to criticise and to tick off our own Government."

"It is one of the things we shall never give up — the right to grouse," Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal told a Welsh audience.

## WORK OF ANTI-T.B.

A record number of patients was attended during August at the anti-T.B. Clinic at Tsimshatsui, which has just completed its first full year in active service.

The Clinic, which like that run by the Maryknoll Mission sister-doctors at Kowloon City, is organized by the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, handled 295 cases in August, made up of 202 re-visits and 93 new cases.

Of the 93 new cases, 61 were females, ranging in age from 87 to 5 years. Among other women patients were a dance hostess down on her luck, a lady hair-dresser, and an A.R.P. Warden.

The Tsimshatsui Clinic is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Dr. N. K. Law being in attendance on Thursdays, and Dr. H. J. Shu, who is in general charge, on the two other days.

### Home Visits

The Kowloon City Clinic, at Kak Hong Tsun Road, dealt with 132 cases during the month, 43 of them being new. Eleven of the new cases were found on diagnosis to be positive T.B. Some of the patients came from the New Territories.

Sisters in charge of this clinic also pay visits to the homes of victims of the scourge — crowded noisy cubicles, with inadequate space. "We see them try," writes Sister Maria Corazon, M. D., "to isolate themselves from the rest of the family but this often creates misunderstanding" and "increases expense, as a result there is often strained daily life."

## MINISTER DENIES OFFICIALS QUIZ

The Minister of Labour told M.P.s that he was not aware that officials of his department were accosting people and asking them if they were doing their best to help the war effort. He would be glad to have particulars if there were such cases.

rice imports continued. The extremely poor rice crop of last year — in 1940 rice imports doubled — which caused the price of rice to quintuple itself in three months, has led some observers to believe that the long war has further dislocated China's creaking semi-feudal agrarian economy, and that unless realistic reforms are carried out portentous political conflicts will develop from the increasingly restless villages. Latest statistics, admittedly rough, seem to show that the trend towards concentration of land ownership and tenancy has continued since the war, despite the retarding effect of inflation.

The future seems to promise a conflict, peaceful or violent, between the war-born peasant rebels of north China and the agrarian conservatism of the Kuomintang. This conflict is apt to be the first issue confronting a victorious China — if it can be so long sublimated.

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## POLITICAL PARADOX

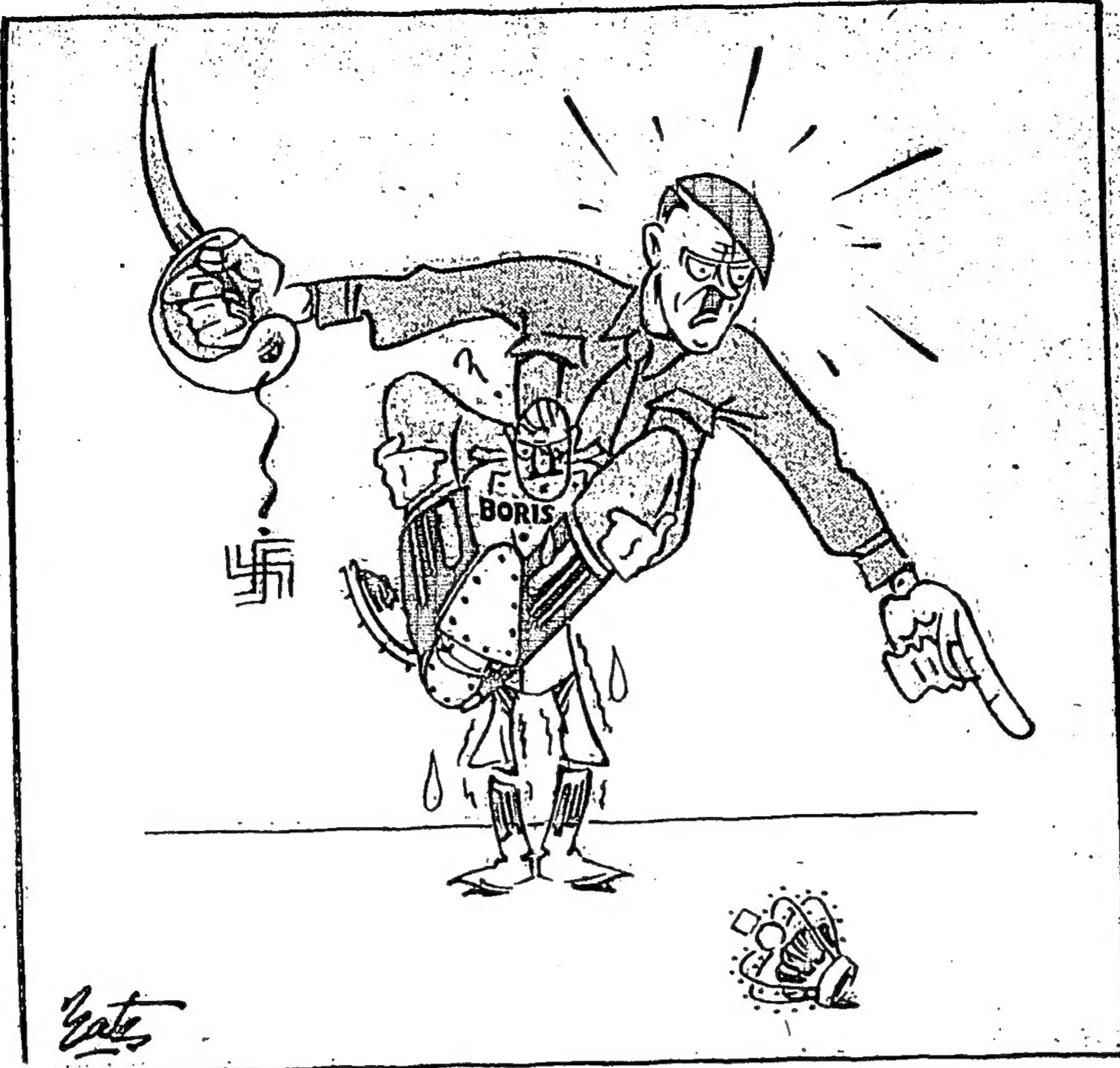
It is a curious paradox of political life that while Liberalism has grown stronger and stronger during the last twenty years, the Liberal Party has grown weaker and weaker. Its creed has become the creed of British democracy. A political faith which all the best minds of all parties either accepted or at least did not repudiate, afforded no basis for party strife, no rallying ground for party leaders, and ceased to gather big battalions for the conflict at Westminster.

The Labour Party had a more controversial case to put before the electors and won the suffrages of many who still believed in all that Liberals had stood for. Conservatism had broadened its platform and no longer questioned the fundamentals for which Liberals once had fought, and won the votes of many Liberal-minded men who distrusted the class-objectives of Socialists. A course in which all believe is one for which no one need fight — unless it is again called in question.

But Hitler has called it in question. The freedom at home—the right of free speech and thought, of political representation, of justice in the courts—for which Liberals fought in the past, has been denied by Hitler. Equally he has denied the political rights of other peoples, so strenuously asserted by Liberals in the nineteenth century.

Against this it is not only professed Liberals who are fighting, but all Britain. Mr. Winston Churchill has expressed his hope that in the years of reconstruction unity may be preserved. Is there not a possibility that those who have persisted in their cultivation of avowedly Liberal doctrines may regain some of their ascendancy in the State, and express their distinctive beliefs not on behalf of themselves alone, but on behalf of democracy?

There are attributes of the finer essence in the Liberal tradition which will be needed when the war is over—insight into the inner meaning of democracy which will enable nations not merely to reap the obvious fruits of victory, but also, as Lord Meston at the recent Liberal Party conference suggested, to "guard their hearts against the bitterness which clamours for in-



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## R.A.F.'s Amazing Aircraft

The R.A.F.'s "policy of perfection" sometimes earned criticism from foreign experts—before the real air fighting started. To compete with Nazi mass-production, they said, British standards of design, materials and construction, the highest in the world, should be lowered in favour of sheer numbers.

But the thousands of air battles which have raged since—with their many-to-one ratio in favour of the R.A.F.—have proved the British policy to be right.

Now we read daily of how enemy planes "disintegrate," "fall apart" and "fly to bits" after a brief burst of multiple machine-gun fire or a hit by a single cannon-shell. But we also read how British planes have flown hundreds of miles home to their bases after damage which would have "disintegrated" any enemy plane.

For instance . . . A heavy British bomber was making its run over a Cologne railway yard when a chance A.A. shell exploded immediately in front of its nose. The blast blew in the front turret, and an unlucky splinter set off a powerful flare "bomb" inside the fuselage.

There was a "terrific explosion inside," to quote the pilot, which wrecked the fuselage, blew off both doors, and tore a great hole ten feet long and about three feet wide in the side. At the same time fires began to blaze near a main petrol tank. By all rights the plane should have broken up at once. But, despite the great gash in its main framework, it carried on, just "wallowing a bit" because the whole body was twisted.

The fire extinguished, "we carried on and dropped our bombs, since we hadn't made the journey for fun." Then, against an 80 m.p.h. head wind, the crippled plane began a five-hour flight home to its base. Within a few days the plane was repaired and flying again.

Almost incredible, this story, but typical of many which have proved the value of the "perfection" policy.

Another big bomber, a Whitley, was so badly shot-up by A.A. fire that the port wing was almost stripped of its upper covering, exposing the skeleton of the wing, and nearly one half of the lower covering. Again, by every law of flying, the plane should have gone into an uncontrollable spin and crashed. Yet, somehow, it flew some hundreds of miles home. To fight again a few days later.

A Hurricane, after downing a Nazi Me. 109 over the Channel was suddenly attacked with cannon and machine-guns from the rear. Bullets pierced the pilot's shoulder, closed one eye. Explosive shells killed his engine, and tore great pieces from his wings and tail, so that jagged sheets of metal stood out from the wings, the rudder was three-quarters skeleton only, and one tail wing was only a third-covered. Yet this "flying Maypole" managed to glide across 20 miles of sea to a safe landing in England.

No Messerschmitt with such damage could even have retained control.

Despite their speed the British fighters are incredibly sturdy. One fighter pilot, chasing a heavy bomber, ran out of ammunition. Refusing to lose his prey, he edged up until his port wing lay just about the bomber's massive tail wing.

The pilot waggled his control column, and the Hurricane's wing slapped down hard and repeatedly on the enemy's tail, knocking it clean off, and sending the bomber down to crash. The Hurricane landed, almost undamaged.

Twin-engined planes are intended to keep aloft on one engine, but only for a short flight to the nearest emergency landing ground, for the remaining engine must be run dangerously "all out." But there have been many

cases of British bombers flying hundreds of miles home, across enemy country and the sea, on one engine. Thanks to their superb materials and workmanship R.A.F. engines can go all-out for several hours with so little risk that our crews have several times decided to cross nearly 200 miles of open sea, with one dead engine and rudder hard on, rather than land or jump to safe capture or internment in enemy or neutral country.

Hundreds of stories could be told—of British planes returning safely with great holes blasted in wings and fuselage—of Wellington bombers, whose unique "basket-work" skeleton enables them to withstand direct hits which would wreck any Nazi plane reaching home with one engine dangling below the wing—of raging fires aloft, and thousands of rounds of ammunition exploding without fatal effect.

But instead one should put in a word for the tireless workers of the Salvage Section of Maintenance Command and for the civilian workers who aid them in rushing repairs on our damaged machines. Praise for the men and women who made the planes should also not be stinted.

So efficient are these two organisations that, even at the very height of the autumn "Battle" of London, the rate of repairs was faster than that of casualties. One of our new planes returned recently so badly damaged, with great holes blasted in wings and tail, that it was at times out of control. Yet 48 hours after it staggered to a landing, the plane was repaired, completely overhauled, and in action again.

Britain's "hand made" planes require more man-hours of manufacture per plane than the Nazis', but this is offset by the fact that a far larger proportion of her total fleet is in fighting form at any one time. This, as well as their resistance to punishment, is another argument in favour of quality before quantity.

Britain scores over Germany in yet another point. Goering began to build his Luftwaffe just about two years too soon, so that a large part of his fleet is out-of-date. Great aeronautical developments were taking place at about this time, so that the later R.A.F. planes are technically far ahead.

The Nazis have tried to even things up with hasty improvisation. By sticking armour on here, clumsy gun turrets there, heavier engines in planes meant for lighter ones. Even to-day they are still producing many of the types they had before the war.

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# TORPEDOING SHIPS FROM THE AIR

WE ARE ALL OF US getting accustomed now to reading about ships, both merchant ships and warships, being torpedoed by aircraft. Now let us be quite clear about one fact. The torpedo which is used in these attacks is an ordinary naval torpedo, and is not any fearsome contrivance such as most people imagine when they hear mention of 'aerial torpedoes.'

Frankly, there is no such thing as an aerial torpedo. This is just a fancy term invented by an imaginative person as long ago as the last war when Zeppelins were dropping heavy bombs, both so much bigger and more destructive than the things we were then accustomed to call bombs that it seemed necessary to give them a special description. The torpedo has to travel through the water to reach its target. It is not dropped from the air direct on to a ship, writes H. C. Ferraby in "London Calling."

This marks the big difference in technique between the airman who is bombing a ship even in a low dive attack and the torpedo-dropper. The bomber has come down very low indeed if he is 150 ft. above the ship. But that is much too high for the torpedo-dropper; he must come down to something less than 50 ft. above the water before he releases the torpedo. Why is this? Because the torpedo when it hits the water naturally gets a nasty shaking.

Remember what happens to a clumsy human diver who goes into the sea or the swimming bath from even ten or fifteen feet. He isn't fit for much swimming and may even be put out of action altogether. Inside the torpedo there is a lot of very delicate machinery — a gyrocompass to steer it, fast-running engines to drive the propellers, and quite a lot of other rather secret gadgets. A severe shock will throw them out of gear just as the human works of a clumsy diver are thrown out of gear, but in the case of the torpedo there is no natural power, no life as it were, which can gradually adjust the damage and start the mechanism working again.

### Six Misjudged Their Height

So the torpedo-dropper has to come down as low as he possibly can to lessen the shock. I have been present at a good many torpedo-dropping exercises in the course of the past twenty years. I have seen a line of battleships attacked by eight machines. The pilots of six of them misjudged their height. Their torpedoes hit the water with a terrific thud and when the splash had subsided there were the torpedoes up-ended bobbing about helplessly like so many dead dolphins. The other two torpedoes which had gone into the water more gently ran towards the line of battleships and one hit the after-end of the ship. It was in a very vulnerable spot. I need hardly add that the torpedo was fitted with a dummy head in which there was no explosive, otherwise I doubt if I should be here to-day.

The Navy became at one time very doubtful about the value of torpedo-dropping. There were so many failures of the kind I have mentioned that a number of senior and influential officers would have been glad to see the whole idea abandoned. But a small school of enthusiasts plugged away at the problems (and there were a good many other things besides the actual dropping which had to be re-solved)—and in this war torpedo-dropping aircraft both of the Fleet Air Arm and of the Coastal Command have had some startling successes.

### The Bomb That Bounced Off

There is an important difference tactically between the bomb and the airborne torpedo. You will notice in studying any accounts of the war at sea that whereas bombs have been able to damage the smaller ships such as destroyers and light cruisers, and even to damage them so severely that they cannot get back to harbour, the bigger ships (the battleships and battle-cruisers) have been more or less unharmed by bombing.

There was a delightful phrase used by one of our Admirals describing a bomb hit on the battleship Rodney. He said quite casually: 'It just bounced off.'

Where the Air Arm has done damage to big ships at sea, it has been by means of the airborne torpedo. The first notable success of this method was the hitting of the French battle-cruiser Strasbourg by a Fleet Air Arm machine as she was escaping from Oran to Toulon. Then followed the dramatic night attack on the Italian Fleet in Taranto harbour, though it was recognised at the time that in that case the airmen had stationary targets. Since then we have had the Battle of Cape Matapan in which the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto was torpedoed from the air in the course of three attacks, was hit more than once, and was compelled to 'slow up.' More recently we have had the similar case of the German battleship Bismarck whose fate might have been very different had the aircraft from the Victorious not succeeded in getting in a torpedo hit on the evening of May 24, and so reducing her speed.

This seems to be the great tactical value of the airborne torpedo — this capacity for slowing up an enemy ship which is endeavouring to avoid action. It is not expected by any naval man that one torpedo will annihilate a big modern capital ship, but a hole in the hull, the flooding of two or three compartments with anything up to 600 tons of water, must affect her speed and thus give the pursuers the advantage of the extra knots necessary to overhaul her and bring her to action.

Torpedo-dropping against merchant ships is in quite a different category. Here one successful hit may be sufficient to upset the stability of the ship to such an extent that she capsizes or founders.

The reason is that the merchant ship cannot be so completely subdivided into watertight compartments as is the fighting ship.

### \$5,000 A Time

On the other hand the merchant ship is by no means so resistant to bombs as the battleship, and since a torpedo costs well, let us use the pre-war figure and say £5,000—torpedo-dropping against anything but the most valuable merchant ships such as tankers is not encouraged. Bombs will probably do the work quite as effectively.

We must, however, keep a sense of proportion in discussing air attack against ships. There are many attacks which fail. You may recall that during the hunt for the Bismarck one wave of torpedo planes launched from the Ark Royal was unable to find the target owing to low visibility. And it must not be supposed for a moment that a ship at sea is a sitting target. Avoiding action, as we have come to call it, can always be taken and is always taken as soon as the direction from which the attack will develop can be foreseen.

And there is always the warship's anti-aircraft armament to bear in mind. The torpedo-dropping plane must come down almost to water level and within half a mile of the target in carrying out an attack. It doesn't require very much imagination to picture the inferno of explosive shell through which the pilot has

## FRENCH TO FIGHT US IN LIBYA, SAYS REPORT

A n unconfirmed Turkish report says that at least two divisions of French colonial troops are on their way to Libya to reinforce the Germans, who are said to be suffering from the effects of desert warfare. — Associated Press.

to dive to get into position. The airborne torpedo is certainly a menace to the big ship, but so is every other offensive weapon.

Remember it was the gun which annihilated the Hood. It was the gun that crippled the Graf Spee. We must keep a sense of proportion in estimating the effect of any form of offensive power.

### We Destroy One Axis Ship A Day

Torpedoes and bombs alike have been used by us frequently in the last few months in the course of our attacks on the German-controlled shipping that is endeavouring to keep the more distant sections of the German forces supplied with fuel, ammunition and stores. This German attempt at blockade running is on a vastly greater scale than anything that occurred in the last war, and the consequence is that the amount of tonnage working for the enemy which we have sunk is far greater than was the case between 1914 and 1918.

You may have noticed a statement recently that in the course of three months air attack alone against this shipping had destroyed an average of one ship a day. The Germans are certainly not running large convoys. We often read of an attack on one merchant ship protected by two or even three escorts, so that the destruction of one a day must represent a fairly high proportion of the shipping actually at sea. We on the other hand have a daily movement in all the oceans of something like 2,000 ships, and the Prime Minister indicated not long ago that between three and four hundred of them are within the danger zone every day.

### Important Aspect In The Struggle

Now here is a rather interesting figure which I have compiled from the various official reports on merchant ship losses by both sides. In the past three months tonnage lost by the Axis Powers is very nearly 1,000,000 tons. The tonnage lost by the Allied Powers in the same period is about 1,350,000 tons. Since the Axis Powers had at their disposal when the war began only about a quarter of the mercantile tonnage owned by the Allies the relative loss of carrying power for Germany and Italy is much heavier than is ours. That is an aspect of the struggle for sea power that is quite as important, though it may not appear to be so dramatic, as the destruction of a battleship or the annihilation of a cruiser squadron.

## 50-YEARS TIFF — LOVE AGAIN

A ROMANCE STARTED FIFTY YEARS AGO AND WRECKED BY A 'LOVERS' TIFF' HAS JUST ENDED IN THE MARRIAGE OF EDWARD SMITHSON, 76, WIDOWER, AND MISS MARION HOLMES, 73.

Their old "quarrel" was made up recently. They were married at the Methodist Church, Knott End, Lancashire.

Edward Smithson was a shop assistant when they quarrelled.

Marion, in the words of a relative, "never bothered about another young man."



George Sanders (left), Joan Bennett and Walter Pidgeon in the new 20th Century-Fox thriller, "Man Hunt," which starts at the King's Theatre to-day.

## HELL CAMP ON EDGE OF SAHARA

A FOLKESTONE SAILOR has arrived home to tell of a hell prison camp on the edge of the Sahara where the Vichy authorities have imprisoned officers of the Fleet Air Arm who dive-bombed the French battleship Richelieu at Dakar.

The sailor, Charles Crawford, 20, whose home is at Wood-avenue, Folkestone, was one of the crew of a Yugoslav steamer chartered to a British firm.

When the ship called at Dakar last July, Crawford and nine others of the crew were tricked ashore by the Yugoslav captain, a man of pro-Axis sympathies, and thrown into prison by the Vichy authorities.

"Twice I tried to escape, once through the jungle," Crawford told the "Daily Mirror," "but I was caught. Last December I was sent to a prison camp thousands of miles from civilisation.

"There I met officers of the Fleet Air Arm and British merchantmen.

"Food was beans full of bugs, rice which was unfit for pigs, and goat's meat.

"Two weeks after an attempt to escape a number of us were released through representations by the British Government."

## INDIAN LOST ARM BUT KEPT IN FIGHT

His left arm blown off above the elbow during a bayonet charge, an Indian boy, little more than 18, gave his officer his rifle and ammunition and carried on throughout the action with a bayonet which he picked up in his remaining hand.

The story is told in the announcement of the award of the Indian Distinguished Service Medal to Sowar Abhe Ram, Indian Army (Cavalry), for his gallantry at Mechill.

When his arm was blown off he did not hesitate, but went up to his squadron commander and gave him his rifle, bayonet and ammunition, remarking, "You take these now; I can't use them."

"Sowar Abhe Ram continued on in the attack with dash and determination and picked up a bayonet to use in his remaining hand," it is stated.

### SITSON MA RECITAL

The first of Professor Sitson Ma's violin recitals is to be given this evening at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel. The programme opens with Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major and ends with the performer's "Sulydania" suite.

## WAR EFFORT BY BLIND

Hundreds of blind people, working in forty institutions, are producing war goods for the Government.

They have completed an order for 19,400 pairs of hospital stockings; will make a further 24,000 pairs, and have orders for 6,000 door mats, 7,000 baskets, 3,000 matting covers for gas cylinders and 28,050 brushes.

## GERMANS SHOT HIM AS A SPY

A second lieutenant of the Dutch Navy landed secretly in Holland, lived there under an assumed name, and sent valuable military information to Britain.

Eventually, the Nazis caught him. He was shot.

"Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, discloses details of the heroic exploit.

The officer's activities have been admitted by the Nazis, who have issued this account of the venture:—

"A former Dutch officer who returned to the Netherlands in a secret way has been shot.

"During his stay in Holland he used an assumed name. He collected military information, which he transmitted to the enemy abroad.

"This man was detected and appeared before a German military tribunal charged with espionage. Sentence of death was passed. A firing squad has carried out the sentence."

No further information was available on inquiry in official Dutch circles in London.

## ONE EYE MAN STILL IN A.A.

An A.A. gunner who was born without fingers on his left hand, is blind in one eye, is deaf and mentally backward, has been in the Army for ten months.

"He has not, so far as I am aware, been discharged," said a Ministry of Labour spokesman in the Commons.

"This man was examined in the usual way and was placed in Grade II."

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 421.	Chatham Road and Gillies Avenue between San Wai Street and Pak Kung Street, Hok On.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 37,800	\$694
						\$22,350

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,835.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 534.	Wong Nei Chung Gap Road.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,200	\$174
						\$4,560

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$456.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

#### SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tifins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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Hong Kong, 22nd Sept., 1941.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

NO. 62

#### By The Four Aces

To-day's crime will seem perfectly legal and above-board to rubber bridge players, but tournament players will spot it right away. If you are reading about the national championships being held this week at Asbury Park, N.J., it will give you a better understanding of the problems of tournament play.

Spouth, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable  
NORTH  
♠ Q 10 6 2  
♥ K J  
♦ A Q J 6 5  
♣ K Q

WEST  
♠ 9 4  
♥ 7 6 5 4  
♦ 9 8 7  
♣ 10 9 8 2

EAST  
♠ 8 3  
♥ 9 8 3 2  
♦ 4 3 2  
♣ 7 6 4 3

SOUTH  
♠ A K J 7 5  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ K 10  
♣ A J 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 3♦ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♣ Pass  
7♣ Pass

West opened the ten of clubs, and South looked the hand over a second or two. Then he joyfully spread his hand and claimed thirteen tricks. His partner took a look around the room in which the tournament was being held and said "Don't crow so loud. We have a bad result on this hand!" Apparently somebody had committed a crime. If you've ever played in a tournament you ought to be able to spot it right away. If not, read on.

South was the criminal for failing to bid seven no-trump! It should have been perfectly obvious to him that either seven no-trump or seven spades ought to be a complete lay-down if his partner had a legitimate jump takeout.

Seven no-trump would have scored 2220 instead of 2210 points. That may seem like a trifling difference, but it is just as important in tournament play as a difference of several hundred points on some other hand. The reason is that the same cards are played at many different tables in a tournament; and the players are ranked according to what they do with identical cards. The system of scoring makes it just as much a blunder to overlook 10

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points on a slam hand as 30 points on a part-score or a few hundred on a game hand.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner, with neither side vulnerable; you held:

♠ A K J 7 3  
♥ K Q 9 7 4  
♦ Q 5  
♣ 7

The bidding:  
Schanken Yes Jacoby Maier  
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♠  
Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT  
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. This is the normal bid to show your second suit.

Score 100% for two hearts, 0 for any other bid.

#### Question No. 831

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

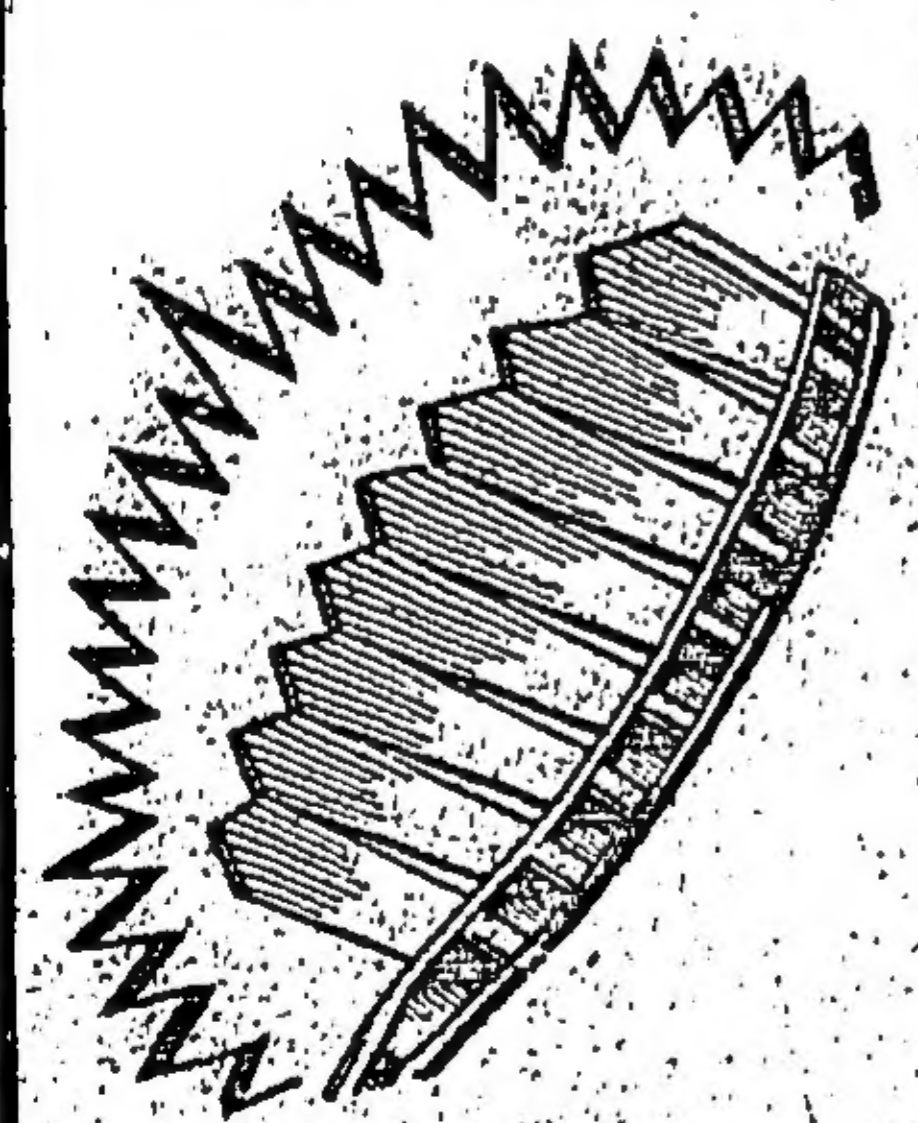
Schenken Yes Jacoby Maier  
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♠  
Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT  
Pass (?)

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## GERMAN BULLIES IN U.S. TOWN

Yorkville, the German stronghold in America, is still proving a gold mine for Hitler, even though the United States is on the brink of war with the Huns.

Swastika flags—buttonhole size to huge pennants—are openly displayed for sale.

Hard-faced Nazis make regular rounds of the restaurants demanding contributions for German war prisoners.

Anyone who refuses a donation is reminded of a grandmother or aunt somewhere in Germany.

Six shillings is charged for a meal costing a shilling. The difference is sent to Germany.

Yet the active Nazis in Yorkville are a decided minority.

Patriotic German-Americans mutter that Yorkville will be unhealthy for a Nazi when reprisals against relatives in Germany need no longer be feared.

## CHESS CLUB MEETING

The Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell presided at the annual general meeting of Kowloon Chess Club at Peninsula Hotel yesterday and at which a proposal made by Mr. A. Benjamin that rules of the Club be framed and hung in the Club room was rejected on the ground that every member had been provided with a copy.

The report and statement of accounts, submitted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Blinhoff, were adopted.

Mr. F. A. Fabel asked whether the Committee had considered rearranging the classes of competitors in view of the fact that in the Secretary's report last year's idea was not a fortunate one and did not work out satisfactorily.

Mr. B. D. Evans stated the Club had decided to divide the competitors into four sections, namely senior, intermediate, junior and minor.

Following officials were elected for the coming year:—President, The Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell; Vice-President, Mr. B. D. Evans; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Kurrik; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Y. Biriukoff; Captain, Mr. C. M. Sequeira; Committee, Messrs. V. V. Kolatchoff, K. Weiss, A. C. Mitchell; representatives on the Colony Championship Committee, Mr. Evans and Mr. Kurrik.



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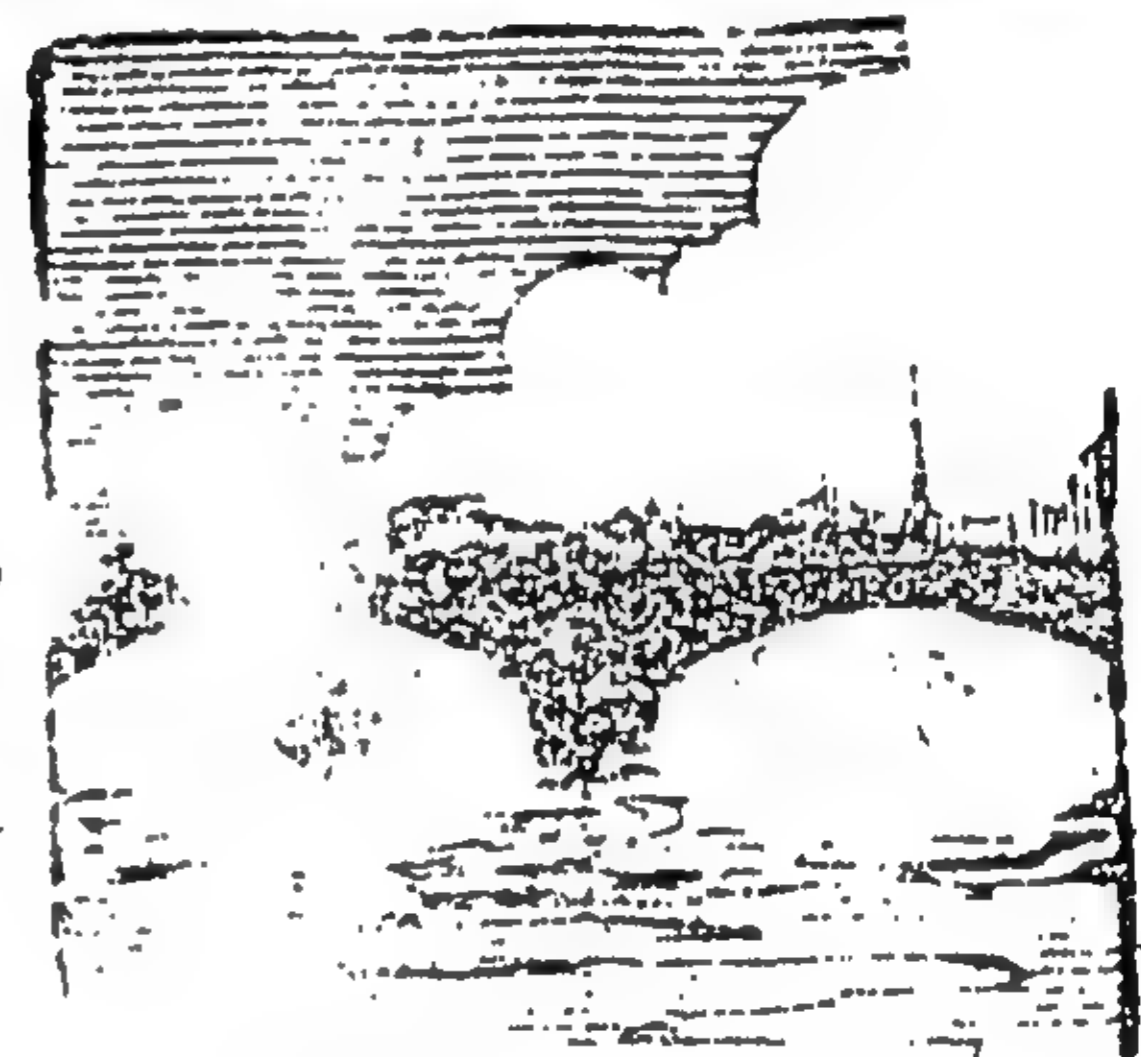
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Cricketers will welcome the decision made at the meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League last evening to take full advantage of daylight saving time, as a result of which there will be longer hours of play in both League and friendly games this season.

## AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS DO WELL

IN A FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY, NAVAL YARD POLICE BEAT H.M.S. TAMAR BY THREE WICKETS. FEATURES OF THE GAME BEING THE BOWLING OF COLBERT (4 FOR 14) AND THE BATTING OF BURNS (41), BOTH OF POLICE.

Colbert and Burns are two of the Australian recruits for the Dockyard Police who arrived here recently.

Tamar batted first, but against Colbert, Willard (2 for 16) and McGrath (2 for 12) could only muster 65. Bignall played an invaluable innings for 26, and during his stay at the wicket saw the whole of his side's total scored, for after he was out the remaining wickets fell without addition to the score. He went in at the fall of the second wicket and was seventh out, Tamar being one short.

Burns, who opened the innings for Police, made 41 before retiring, when the total stood at 61.

He hit only two fours, being very restrained. Roughley, the Navy footballer, was most successful of the bowlers tried by Tamar, having 3 for 15.

### H.M.S. TAMAR

Williams, b Colbert	0	0	0	0
Roughley, b Willard	0	0	0	0
Britton, c Moore, b Willard	0	0	0	0
Bignall, c Moore, b Luben	26	0	0	0
Ireland, b McGrath	1	0	0	0
Bainborough, b McGrath	0	0	0	0
Parlette, b Colbert	28	0	0	0
Benson, b Colbert	1	0	0	0
Farries, not out	0	0	0	0
Barton, b Colbert	0	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0

Total (for 9 wickets) 65

One man absent.

### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	W.	R.
Colbert	7	3	14	4
Willard	4	0	16	2
McGrath	3	0	12	2
Smith	3	0	6	0
Luben	3	0	15	1

### R.N.V. POLICE

Breese, b Roughley	2	0	0	0
R. Burns, retired	41	0	0	0
Moore, retired	13	0	0	0
Luben, b Parlette	2	0	0	0
E. Colbert, b Roughley	2	0	0	0
Smith, b Roughley	0	0	0	0
McGrath, l.b.w. b Benson	3	0	0	0
Bellamy, b Williams	0	0	0	0
Hulme, not out	4	0	0	0
Extras	3	0	0	0

Total (for 8 wickets) 71

Willard and Nicholls did not bat.

### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	W.	R.
Williams	8	0	25	1
Barton	7	2	10	0
Roughley	7	3	15	3
Farries	2	0	8	0
Parlette	3	0	8	1
Benson	1	0	2	1

## CRICKET THIS WEEK-END

Hong Kong Cricket Club are holding a trial at Chater Road to-morrow, while University meet Central British Association in a friendly match at Pokfulam.

C.B.A. will be represented by: N. Whitley, N. Booker, K. M. Baxter, W. Mulcahy, N. L. Smith, J. Mitchell, T. Lockhart, D. Parsons, T. Sulter, C. Semmelman and A. N. Other.

Police Recreation Club will entertain Royal Naval Dockyard Police in a friendly cricket match at Civil Service Cricket Club on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.

The Police team will be selected from:

B. C. Fay, G. Wright-Nooth, A. Kirby, J. Shepherd, A. E. Carey, C. Pope, J. F. Forrest, W. L. Clarke, R. White, H. Loughlin, J. Hayward, H. Tyler and E. Salter. Reserves: K. J. Douche, J. R. H. Clements and C. A. A. Nicol.

It was decided that, while times for starting during the months of October, November, December, March and April will remain as hitherto at 2 p.m., matches in January and February will commence at 1.45 p.m., while the extra half-hour of daylight will be added to the old times for drawing stumps, making it 6.45 p.m. for October, February, March and April, 6.30 p.m. for November and January, and 6.15 p.m. for December.

It was also decided that League matches will be played during the months of January and February, and representatives of clubs present at the meeting were invited to arrange friendly matches up to December, the dates for League games to be decided later.

### One H.K.C.C. Team

Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army, who did not participate last year, will be competing again, but whereas Army are entering two teams, Club will be running only one side, in First Division.

Mr. H. R. Hancock, who presided, said that 15 clubs were expected to enter the League and, with the entrance fees collected, together with the balance in hand of \$34.94, he proposed the usual allocation of \$50 to the Children's Playground.

A proposal was made later that, in view of the fact that funds did not permit of a donation to the Bomber Fund at the present, the Champions v Rest game at the end of the season may be set aside for that purpose when "a hat may be passed round."

Probable entries for the League are as follows:

First Division: Kowloon Cricket Club, University, Indian Recreation Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Recreo, Civil Service Cricket Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army.

Second Division: Kowloon Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Recreo, Indian Recreation Club, Civil Service, Police, University and Army.

### Election Of Officers

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President: Mr. H. R. B. Hancock. Vice-President: Mr. F. Goodwin. Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. A. H. Madar.

## Growder Again

A. C. Growder, former Hong Kong Cricket Club spin bowler, again distinguished himself at Singapore when, playing for Singapore Cricket Club against Royal Australian Air Force on Sunday, September 14, he took 3 wickets for 21 runs, and then followed this up with a breezy innings for 58, which included a lusty six that proved the winning hit.

Going in No. 6, he was not out when stumps were drawn at 193 for 7.

The R.A.A.F., who batted first, could do little against Growder and W. K. Jagger (5 for 38), W. J. Davis (23) and B. Bowley (21) being the only batsmen to do anything of note. They totalled 113.

### ROYAL SCOTS' SOCCER TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Scots in their Football League games on Sunday:

First team v Navy, Sookunpoo, 6.45 p.m.

Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser; Munro, Falconer and Clark; Hosack, Fleming, Auld, McDonald and Gilroy.

Reserves: Gibb and Cook.

Second Division v Signals, Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.

Clarke, Thomson, S. Parnaby; Gibson, R. Parnaby and Moore; Woods, Bailey, Laws, Gordon and Cornwall.

Reserves: Fowler and Callaghan.

## VERBATIM'S WIN AT NEWMARKET

Cesarewitch candidates had a try-out at New Market yesterday in the Clare Handicap, which was won by Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Verbatim over the same two mile course which is being used for the Cesarewitch on October 22.

Verbatim, starting at 2 to 1 favourite, beat Sir Thomas Dixon's Owen Joans, at 4 to 1, by two lengths, while Major Smith Bingham's Paradise Club, at 8 to 1, was third, a length further behind. — Reuter.

## ST. ANDREW'S CLUB MEETING

The Annual General meeting of St. Andrew's Club was held in the Church Hall yesterday. The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, presided, supported by Mr. L. C. Millington and Mr. A. B. Bliss, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

The report revealed that the number of members at the beginning of the year was 129. During the year eight new members were elected and 37 resigned, leaving the present membership 100.

Despite the evacuation, the Club was able to raise a ladies' hockey team, which played many friendly matches during the season.

Following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President—Mr. Wittenbach; Vice-President—Messrs. R. Baldwin, R. Dormer, G. S. Heywood, A. C. Jeffreys and R. H. Wong; Hon. Secretary—Mr. L. Millington; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. A. B. Bliss; Members of Committee—Miss B. Wong, Miss S. Arnold and Messrs. J. Pennington, W. C. Lovell and J. Merrett.

Miss F. Wong and J. Pennington were elected captains of the ladies and men's hockey teams respectively.



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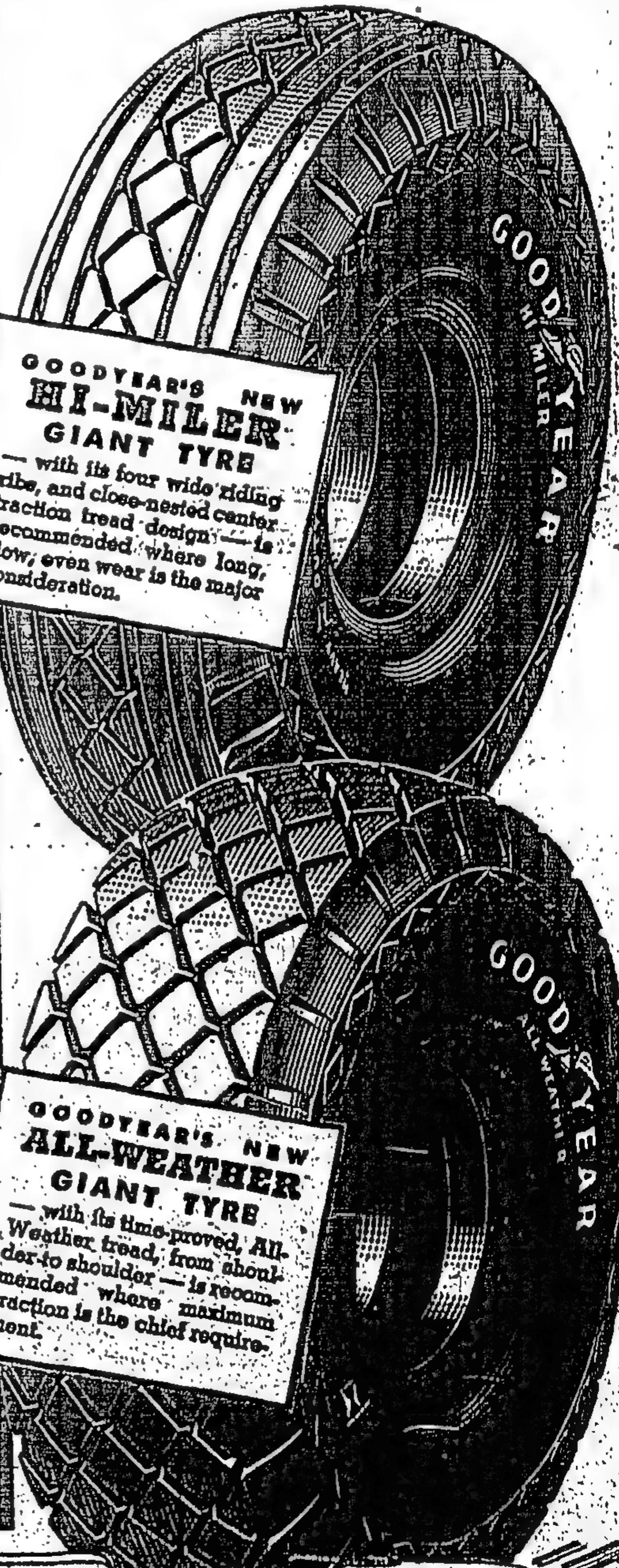
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# U. M. OMAR SETS ALL TIME LEAGUE BOWLS RECORD: 100 PER CENT.

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH POLICE BEAT KOW LOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB BY 3 POINTS TO 2 IN THEIR THIRD DIVISION LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE GAME AT AUSTIN ROAD A FEW WEEKS AGO THEY WERE GENERALLY CONCEDED EVERY CHANCE OF WINNING BY AT LEAST 4-1 IN THEIR RETURN ENGAGEMENT AT THE VALLEY LAST SATURDAY.

All the experts—not the \$1.50 a day kind—thought that the home team would be celebrating their promotion as the result of this match, but the visitors upset everything by deservedly winning on two rinks and gaining four of the points at stake.

Electricians also had an excellent win in this division, Indians falling narrowly to them at Ming Yuen.

I have put the cart before the horse so will continue by commenting on Second Division games next. Kowloon Football Club lost what may prove to be a valuable point at Chater Road, when Younghusband, lost to Brown, Kowloon Tong meanwhile gaining a clean sweep win against Talkoo to sustain their challenge and thereby add spice to the meeting of these two clubs to-morrow.

Chief interest in First Division centred in the lowly-placed clubs, of whom only Club de Recreio "B" were able to score as much as half a point. Craighower had a simple task against Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B", whilst Club de Recreio "A" were all over the Civil Servants. Indians beat Kowloon Dock at Sookunpoo, as was expected.

## Omar's Brilliant Feat

BUT the outstanding feature of the day to my mind was Omar's triumph over McKelvie, not so much for that result in itself as for the fact that it enabled him to go through the League season undefeated. This is a remarkable record and, despite what I said to the contrary—many thanks to those who have pointed out my error in saying that C. G. Silva recorded it last year—has never previously been achieved in the Colony. Something more tangible than thanks would be a nice gesture on the part of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association when

closing day comes round. I merely suggest it.

The other members of the rink, A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and R. Basa, should also be mentioned for, though it is the skip who usually "takes the can back"—no skip can carry a rink which is poor, however good he may play. So congratulations to all of them!

## Basa's Inspired Game

THEY had a great fight with McKelvie on Saturday and it was possible, right up to the last wood, for them to lose, though "U. M.'s" last one made it very difficult for McKelvie to score a five. He had probably four shots when "U.M." bowled to secure a certain fourth, leaving the visitor with the option of drawing another to tie or endeavour to carry the jack a little for five. He chose the latter course but was just too heavy and got only two.

Dick Basa, of whom I have not written too enthusiastically this season—and justly so—played an inspired game and saved the situation repeatedly. Lockhart was good as lead to McKelvie, but his side rarely scored when he lay close to the jack—"K.M." and Basa saw to that. Both Gill and McKelvie were good, especially after the interval.

Bradbury simply galloped away from Meyer, who never had a (Continued at foot of Next Col.)



U. M. Omar, who set a new Hong Kong Lawn Bowls record by maintaining a 100-per cent. record for all 18 League games.

## MINOR K.B.G.C. CHANGE

Kowloon Bowling Green Club are making only minor changes in both their "A" and "B" First Division Lawn Bowls teams for to-morrow. In the "A" combination, who last played on September 14, only change made is in Duncan's rink, Wallis, of Third Division, taking the place of Drew at No. 2. In the "B" team Jordan will be No. 3 to Meyer instead of Drew.

The selected teams are as follows:—

"A" (v Police R.C., home, 4 p.m.): L. Guy, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); R. P. Phillips, H. White, A. Bower and A. J. Hall (skip); W. L. Walker, C. Wallis, E. Lovett and R. Duncan (skip).  
"B" (v Kowloon C.C., home, 4 p.m.): A. J. Rogers, V. C. Dixon, P. A. Peckham and L. Sykes (skip); H. Lockhart, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie (skip); P. Holloway, I. Newton, L. A. Jordan and J. G. Meyer (skip).

## BOWLING ALLEYS AUGUST RECORDS

Following were the highest scores at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys for the month of August.

DUCK PINS  
Ladies:—Mrs. Stevenson ..... 120  
Men's:—Sgt. F. Moore ..... 152  
TEN PINS  
Ladies:—Mrs. Stevenson ..... 188  
Men's:—Cpl. J. Gracie ..... 257

look in, and the latter was, to put it in the reverse way, good value for his loss by over a dozen. Charlie Rosseter similarly got a huge lead on Sykes and had little difficulty in winning.

## Recreio Again Prove Too Good

ALTHOUGH McGowan put up a good fight, against Johnny Ribeiro and actually had a lead at one time the Civil Servants never had a look in against Club de Recreio "A" at King's Park and lost all the points. Bill Hillyer had a small lead on Charlie Roza-Pereira as late as the 12th end, but then collapsed badly to lose by a dozen. Arthur Rakusen had a very thin time of it against Dick Alves and, though he scored at 9 heads, he lost by 20 shots.

## Indians Nearly Lose On Two Rinks

BOB Craig, who used to play such a good game for Kowloon Cricket Club, turned out for Kowloon Dock against Indians, and his side, skippered by Ferguson, very nearly won, as did Alec Calman against A. K. Minu, but Fred Cullen had no chance with Khan, who pilled them up more or less at will.

## Shepherd's Rink Fight Back

WHEN Rodrigues led Jim Shepherd by 11-3 as late as the 11th head it looked as if he was going to win, but the all-Scottish opposition never gave up trying and blanked out the Portuguese four for the last 8 heads to win comfortably. Bill Hollands, for whom Cameron was a useful lead, was in fine fettle against John Basto, whose score he more than doubled, but Corney Pereira had a fine fighting finish with Jack Fender, a brace of threes on the last two ends enabling him to steal half a point for his side.

# JORDAN BEATS AITKEN IN NEEDLE MATCH IN THIRD DIVISION

By "Skip"

IN A MATCH OF WHICH I HAD NO PREVIOUS NOTIFICATION PRISON OFFICERS BEAT HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB 5-0 AT STANLEY, THOUGH ONE MIGHT ALMOST SAY THEY HARDLY DESERVED SUCH A CLEAR MARGIN, FOR TWO OF THE RINKS WON BY A SINGLE SHOT. ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF THE TRUTH OF MY PET SLOGAN THAT EVERY SHOT IS WORTH A POINT, WHICH WOULD BE MORE MATHEMATICALLY CORRECT WERE I TO SAY HALF A POINT.

Tommy Pile and Ken Robertson were neck and neck until the home skip had a little run of 6 shots in 3 heads to lead by that number, but the footballers came back strongly and just failed to pull it off. Walter Gill, on the other hand, was always fighting a losing battle against McCutcheon and, after squaring at the 20th, probably considered himself unlucky to go down. Gowland and Willie Macfarlane also had a close fight for 12 heads, but the home skip then forged ahead gradually—perhaps not quite the word—to win by a dozen, the visiting rink scoring only a couple in the last 10 heads.

## Brown's Two Sixes Against Younghusband

THANKS largely to Bill Field, whose rink were in devastating form against George Costello, Kowloon Football Club were always sure of beating Hong Kong Cricket Club. A lead of 10-1 at the 4th and then 17-2 at the 7th must have knocked all the fight out of the home team, who were a couple of dozen to the bad when the curtain fell. Vic Childenden, only just managed to beat Frank Goodwin to secure a very valuable point, but Younghusband, in spite of some good bowling by both Ogley and Simpson, found A. W. Brown too good for him, by 4 shots. The home skip had a count of six at the second end and repeated this big score later on after Younghusband had taken the lead with a nap hand.

## K. Tong Had Game Well In Hand

KOWLOON Tong meanwhile were keeping just comfortably ahead of Talkoo, and they ultimately ran out clear winners by some 20 shots, of which "Hope" Kew had the major portion. As he was pitted against Jimmy Chalmers, he has reason to be gratified. Dick Keown turned out for Watson, I see, and the rink lost by only three shots.

## Jordan Hero Of Day At The Valley

IT may have been because there were two teams playing at home, but there was certainly a nice little crowd at Police Club, where the battle of the

day—their Third Division team met Kowloon Bowling Green Club—was being staged. Although Hughie Nish also won, Len Jordan was the hero of the day as he—and his rink—beat the redoubtable Jim Aitken by three shots. This was especially gladdening as the latter carried his team to victory at their previous meeting.

Jordan was in excellent form and often improved the situation, whilst he had good support from George Elphick, his lead. Nolan was the best of the opposition, though Aitken sent down some lovely shots and could not be blamed for the narrow defeat.

Pennell, leading for Joe Carey, played an uncanny game, I hear, and lay the shots—and often two—on every head. "Busty" Bower, back to this division after a brief sojourn amongst the "A" and "B" ponies, had a hard job to undo Pennell's work but he played a very good game, as did Nish. The latter put up his best show in weeks. Macdonald saved a point by beating Wallis, and earned further fame by setting a bottle of Johnnie Hugs on which the demolition squad got busy after the match. He always had his nose in front and won by 4 shots.

## K.F.C. Always Had Slight Edge

KOWLOON Football Club, at Chatham Road, always had a slight edge on their cricketing visitors from Chater Road and managed to retain all the points, although the margins were close on two rinks.

## I.R.C. Went Very Close!

THE Electricians' record against the Indians at Sookunpoo was all square on one rink, 1 up on another and 2 up on the third so it is not unfair to say that the home team were unlucky to lose 90 per cent. of the points! S. M. Rumsjohn got a 8 and a 5 against Dan Gardner, but the latter, after trailing 11-19, pulled up well for the narrowest win. Paul led Suffolk all the way, whilst Jim Lunny needed a singleton at the last end to tie Madar, and got it.

A roller skating exhibition in aid of the Bomber Fund and China War Relief Fund will be held under the auspices of Hong Kong Skating Club to-day at 4 p.m. at Ciro's Skating Rink, Causeway Bay. Admission will be \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00 and 50 cents.



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By "Rapier"

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There was originally a programme of 10 events, but it has now been extended to 11 on account of the large number of entries in the Gosford Handicap, which has been divided into three sections. The principal event of the day is the Australian Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate, over the Champions distance, for Australian Subscription Ponies of this season.

THE RAILS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION, AND THE GRASS TRACK IS LOOKING IN SPLENDID CONDITION, WHICH SHOULD ADD MATERIALLY TO KEEN COMPETITION.

General satisfaction will be felt over the fact that Mr. H. C. Pih is well on the road to recovery and is likely to ride again in about three months time. Mr. V. V. Needa will be donning colours for Mr. Li Lan-sang only when his services are not required by Mr. T. K. Li.

Race No. 1.—ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

The opening race of the day is confined to "C" Class China ponies, to be ridden by Novice jockeys, and in races of this kind punters should bear in mind the ponies that move freely. In this category I name the following amongst the entries which will contest the finish:

Eve of Folly (Mr. S. W. Lee), Humdrum Eve (Mr. Chiu Ki Fan), Odeon (Mr. T. K. Li).

Thirty Six (Mr. Ho Hong Ping).

Eve of Folly, which will be running under the colours of Mr. S. W. Lee for the first time, should stand a very good chance of winning in view of its last win in the West River Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post under Mr. R. M. Wood. Humdrum Eve, that old timer, has however, to be reckoned with, although it has not had a win to its credit for a long time, but it has regained its best form and its chances of a win here are very bright. Odeon has shown how good it is during the morning poms and should give a good account against the above two ponies. Thirty Six's last win was in the Kellett Handicap (First Section) over 1-1/4 miles and, as it is looking fit, it should be near at the finish.

Race No. 2.—TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST.

This is the first section of the race for "B" Class China ponies, and over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters. Avon will have Mr. Black up, but, in view of the shortness of the distance, I think the best it can do is to place. Messrs. Kong Bros. have entered two ponies, and I expect that they will send Gay Star out under Mr. Craven instead of Wonderful Scheme, which is carrying top-weight of 155 lbs. and it has a good chance of scoring a win here. Then there is Hillsboro Bay, which will be ridden by Mr. Needa, and, as we know this pony's capabilities, this combination should be prominent at the finish. Eve of Heaven (Mr. Wei) is also a dangerous contender. So Nice (Mr. S. W. Tang), with only 130 lbs., to handle may be worth a ticket each way.

Race No. 3.—AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION PONIES AUTUMN PLATE: ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

This is the principal event of the day and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of this season, weight 140 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every 200 or part thereof won in Stakes.

After its record-breaking run in the Mahkey Handicap (first section), when it dead-headed with Lancashire Chips over six furlongs for first position, Malban, which will be taken out by Mr. Black to-morrow, will be carrying 100 lbs. This is 4 lbs. more than its last run, and although it seems rather a lot of weight to carry over this distance, I think it should just manage to past the post first. King's Flight (Mr. Needa) will also be up in weight, by 6 lbs., since its last win under Mr. Wei in the Point Nepean Handicap over this distance and as it is in great form now it won't be far away at the finish.

### Rapier's Final Selections will appear To-morrow.

Amulet Star (Mr. Craven), which won the Sydney Maiden Stakes (second section) at the Annual Meeting after coming from behind and was then rested due to leg trouble, has improved a lot, and I expect to see it among the first three as it will be carrying only 140 lbs. Araxy II (Mr. Hearne), which won the Millara Stakes (second section) at the last meeting with Mr. Gregory on top, might create another surprise as it is stout-hearted in the drive home. Carrying only 145 lbs., it should not be disregarded. Jus Gentium (Mr. Chao) has regained some of its Annual Meeting form, judging from its track work lately, but I don't think it is good enough to cause much trouble here.

Race No. 4.—VAUCLUSE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

This race is confined to "B" Class Australian ponies with a proviso that Subscription ponies of 1941 are barred. Judging from the entries, I don't think I shall be far wrong in saying that the winner will come from one of the following:—A Happy Time (Mr. Craven), Catterick Bridge (Mr. Chao), Luckey Lady (Mr. Hearne), Vanguard (Mr. Wei). A Happy Time combined well with Craven on top during last Wednesday morning's gallop, and, coupled with its fine form at the moment, I consider that it has a good chance of scoring a win here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition. Catterick Bridge has the speed to be a real contender and might surprise again to pay out a good dividend. Luckey Lady has raced against better company and is capable of causing plenty of trouble, and must, therefore, be considered seriously. Vanguard was third in the Hervey Bay Handicap over 1-1/4 miles and, with 5 lbs. less to carry to-morrow and the distance shorter, it can be depended on to make a good fight of it.

Race No. 5.—TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be confined to second section "B" Class China ponies. King Kong won the Lead Mine Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs at the last Extra meeting, but although it will be taken out by Mr. Chao, I think the distance is a bit too short for its liking. The best bet should be Hopeful Star (Mr. Craven). I am anticipating it on account of its last run, when it was defeated by King Kong and Expansion Time by the narrowest margin. This pony has had its weight reduced by 12 lbs. and the distance should suit it to a plenty. Humber (Mr. Chang) is another fast mover over this distance and will probably have a say at the finish if given a runaway start.

Race No. 6.—PORT PHILLIP STAKES: ONE MILE.

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## CHAN CHUN-NAM BREAKS OWN RECORD IN 880 YARDS SWIM

The Colony Swimming Championships were commenced yesterday at Victoria Recreation Club and were featured by the breaking of the 880 Yards free-style record by Chan Chun-nam, who clipped three-fifths of a second off his 1940 record of 11 minutes 15 3/5 seconds.

Several new events were included in this year's championships and W. Lawrence made a welcome return to competitive swimming when he won the 220 Yards back-stroke event.

In establishing the new record Chan Chun-nam covered the first 220 yards in 2 minutes 34 seconds and the 440 yards in 5 minutes 27 seconds, which was only one and two-fifths of a second outside the record time for that distance.

The usual trio of Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tai-ping and Yau Sai-kwan, of Lai Tsun, started in this event and the three swimmers kept practically together till the last 30 yards, when Chan spurred to secure an unexpectedly narrow verdict.

Miss Li Po-luen, of University, retained her title in the Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke event; Miss Ko Mui-ling led over the first 50 yards, but the champion finished strongly to win by two yards.

### Lau Sets Race

For the first 100 yards of the 220 Yards back-stroke event Lau Yiu-tung, of Lai Tsun, led, with Rumlahn and Lawrence following in that order. At the 150 yards mark the position had changed to Lawrence, Rumlahn and Lau Yiu-tung and Poon Wing-kai struggling for third place. After the next two lengths Lau fell back to give Poon, Wai-ting, third place.

Only Miss J. Anderson competed in the Ladies' Fancy Diving events, as the

provide an interesting duel for honours, in which I expect to see

Crack Shot (Mr. L. B. Chao), Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven), Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne).

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang) fighting out the finish. Carrying 135 lbs., Crack Shot won the Warwick Farm Stakes under Mr. S. W. Lee and, although it will be carrying 3 lbs. more to-morrow, there is no reason why it should not win again. Twinkling Star was second in this same race and it will now be handling 7 lbs. less. It is a difficult pony to figure out, but it always provides a late rush and should be there or thereabouts at the finish. Sydney Lady lost to the above two ponies in this same race whilst carrying 154 lbs., but with 9 lbs. less it may redeem itself here. The Koala Bear has shown great form in morning training at the last couple of gallops and may yet spring a surprise when least expected.

Race No. 10.—ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE.

This is the second section for "C" Class China ponies, which will be ridden again by Novice jockeys. Peaceful View (Mr. Chiu Ki Fan) and Lancashire Lass (Mr. S. W. Lee) have been given top-weight of 152 lbs. to handle, and as they are obviously considered by the Official Handicappers to be the best amongst the entries I don't think we should look further than these two ponies for the winner. Jennifer (Mr. T. H. Tang) is a fast mover and can be depended on with this promising jockey up to give the above two ponies a good fight. Jober (Mr. R. K. Chui) is looking in good trim at the moment, and may be worth betting for a place. Lancashire Lass should win with Peaceful View second, leaving the other position to be fought out between Jennifer and Jober.

Race No. 11.—GOSFORD HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION): SIX FURLONGS.

The final event of the day will be contested by "C" Class Australian ponies. Judging from its second placing behind Bugle in the Warwick Farm Stakes (second section), Villamit (Mr. S. W. Pan) should secure the first win of its racing career. There is Googly (Mr. Ip Kiu-ying), however, to be reckoned with, as this pony, although it lost to the above-mentioned pony by half a length in the above race, is at the moment in top condition, and it will not surprise me at all if it reverses its last defeat at the hands of this pony. Hascossay (Mr. Davis) is also good over this distance and can be depended on to make a good fight of it. King's Welcome went very well with Mr. Wei on top, during its last two trial gallops, and judging from those two workouts, will probably secure a place. Sea Jay (Mr. Black) is also a danger here.

other entrant, Miss Josephine Ng, had left for Chungking.

Miss V. Churn, of University, won the Ladies' 220 Yards free-style event—a new event—comfortably, while Miss C. Guterres, of Victoria Recreation Club, did well to beat Miss Ho Wai-king of Chinese Bathing Club for second place in a close finish.

The Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley—a new event—provided Ng Nin with a new title. He beat Tsang Cheong-ming easily after leading from the start.

### V.R.C. Events

Interspersed with the Championship events were a number of Victoria Recreation Club members' events, and the best of these was the Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap, which was won by G. Rossetti.

Miss M. Noronha and Miss T. Yvanovich, the only two competitors in the V.R.C. Ladies' 50 Yards free-style junior championship event, provided thrills before Miss Noronha won by only inches.

The 50 Yards back-stroke championship for V.R.C. members was won by H. Reynolds, who led from the start. The championships will be continued to-morrow evening, prices of admission being \$1.20 and 60 cents.

### Complete Results

Following were the results:—

Men's 880 Yards free-style: 1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Time: 11 mins. 15 secs. (record); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), Time: 11 mins. 16 3/5 secs.; 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), Time: 11 mins. 18 3/5 secs.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Junior Championship: 1. J. A. Marques, Time: 33 secs.; 2. A. Alves, Time: 34 secs.; 3. L. Vieira, Time: 34 1/2 secs. Also swam: C. Marcel.

V.R.C. Boys' 50 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. L. Sequeira (11), Time: 30 1/2 secs.; 2. E. da Noronha (60), Time: 50 1/2 secs.; 3. J. Carvalho (15), Time: 56 1/2 secs. Also swam: R. Souza (18) and G. Rossetti (22).

Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke: 1. Miss Li Po-luen (H.K.U.), Time: 1 min. 28 2/5 secs.; 2. Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun), Time: 1 min. 30 3/5 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.), Time: 1 min. 32 1/5 secs. Also swam: Miss Ng Shui-lin (Residents).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. H. A. Silva (1), Time: 1 min. 13 1/5 secs.; 2. L. Vieira (6), Time: 1 min. 9 secs.; 3. R. Sequeira (2), Time: 1 min. 13 3/5 secs. Also swam: C. L. Rozario (60) and C. Silva-Netto (14).

Men's 220 Yards back-stroke (new event): 1. W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), Time: 2 mins. 58 1/5 secs.; 2. A. K. Rumlahn (V.R.C.), Time: 3 mins. 2/5 secs.; 3. Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun), Time: 3 mins. 6 secs. Also swam: A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.) and Lau Yiu-ling (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Ladies' 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship: 1. Miss Myra Noronha, Time: 35 secs.; 2. Miss Theresa Yvanovich, Time: 35 3/5 secs. Ladies' Fancy Diving: Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Junior Championship: 1. H. Reynolds, Time: 32 1/2 secs.; 2. E. da Silva, Time: 35 2/5 secs.; 3. G. Saunders, Time: 36 3/5 secs. Also swam: J. M. Gosano and E. A. Noronha.

Ladies' 220 Yards free-style (new event): 1. Miss Vivienne Churn (H.K.U.), Time: 3 mins. 1 1/5 secs.; 2. Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.), Time: 3 mins. 12 1/5 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), Time: 3 mins. 14 secs. Also swam: Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap: 1. G. Rossetti (4), Time: 59 1/5 secs.; 2. J. Roza-Perreira (7), Time: 57 1/5 secs.; 3. J. Gomes (9), Time: 54 2/5 secs. Also swam: R. Souza (20) and C. Guterres (2).

Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley (new event): 1. Ng Nin (Sling Tao), Time: 1 min. 50 3/5 secs.; 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), Time: 2 mins. 2 1/5 secs.

### BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Black Cats and Sing Tao will meet Ping Ching and Indian Police respectively in the Open Basketball League at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening.

# R.A.F. SHATTERS WAR OBJECTIVES IN FRANCE

## Successes Confirmed By Reconnaissance

### Direct Hits On Vulnerable Spots

NEW EVIDENCE PROVING THE SUCCESS OF THE R.A.F.'S RECENT DAYLIGHT OFFENSIVES HAS BEEN SECURED BY RECONNAISSANCE, STATES THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON.

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Sunday's attack on the electric power station and chemical works at Gosnay, near Bethune, was conspicuously successful.

A strong force of British fighters kept Messerschmitts away, enabling the British Blenheim bombers to make steady bombing runs over the great area of the works and almost at leisure direct bombs at the most important and vulnerable parts.

Power stations south-west of the boiler house received one and possibly two direct hits, while the north-east boiler house was also hit.

Other bombs burst on railway trucks. Several more fell along

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the south-west edge of the dynamo house and coal washing plant.

A coal conveyor and workshops were hit again and again.

The chemical works received at least six direct hits while other bombs burst on the oil pipeline.

Finally, incendiaries fell right among oil tanks, where they were likely to do as much harm as anywhere in the plant.

### Direct Hits

Hazebrouck's important railway yard, bombed last Saturday by Blenheims with a fighter escort, received high explosives just where they were most effective.

Several direct hits were scored at the point where railway trucks converge to form a bottleneck. A large engine shed and rolling-stock were also hit.

Much damage was also done on Saturday to the shipyards of the Ateliers et Chantiers de Normandie on the banks of the Seine at Grand Queville.

### On U-Boat Shelters

Bombs fell on the workshop forming the east and south boundaries of the shipyard. Other bombs burst on and near the oil tanks, some of which were wrecked in earlier attacks on these shipyards.

On this busy Saturday Blenheims also vigorously attacked Cherbourg docks.

One stick of bombs burst on the submarine shelters, others bursting among harbour craft.

Apart from these attacks on targets which have become essential parts in the German war machine, bombers also made daylight raids during this busy weekend over the Norwegian, German and Dutch coasts.—Reuter.

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## PREMIER TO REVIEW SITUATION

According to present arrangements, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, the Prime Minister will make a statement on the war situation, with special reference to Russia, when the Commons reassemble.

The question whether there will be a debate or not following, depends on the nature of the statement.

Present indications are that the statement will be made in public but little surprise would be caused if part of it were made in secret session.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Heavy casualties have compelled the Japanese to pour in more troops to support their six columns in northern Hunan, latest field dispatches disclosed. The second, third and fourth columns at Wukow, Wusungshih and Huinshih on the south bank of the Milo River have been increased by 20,000 and started southward thrusts simultaneously two days ago. However, all the enemy units are held by the Chinese.—Central News.

The Japanese column from Kongmoon and Sunwui has reached the vicinity of Tangshukou. Another Japanese unit going up river is also nearing the town.

Fighting is in progress to the east of Tangshukou, north of Tolshan.—Central News.

A collier, about 60 years of age, was found hanged in the No. 5 Godown, Kowloon Wharf, at 9 a.m. to-day. He has not yet been identified.

## CONFUSED AND CONFLICTING

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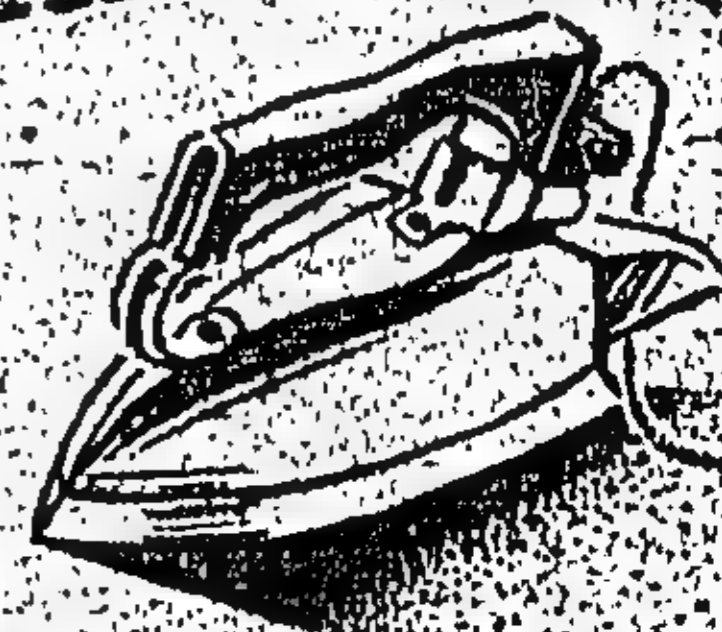
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#### ISLE OF MAN

#### INCIDENTS

The disturbance at the Peel (Isle of Man) internment camp which followed the recapture of three men who had escaped, is the subject of an official inquiry by the Home Office.

A statement issued yesterday stated the inquiry is nearing completion and already it is clear that some of the accounts of the incident were exaggerated.

There was much shouting and disorderly conduct but no assault directed at any person and only two were slightly injured. The Home Secretary, however, takes a serious view of the disturbance and appropriate measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs when the inquiry is completed. — Reuter.

#### Heavy German Crimea Offensive

#### SPITFIRES PROTECT SOVIET BOMBERS

R.A.F. fighters recently escorted Russian aircraft in several bombing operations, it was learned authoritatively in London yesterday.

No fighter opposition was encountered. — Reuter.

(Military Commentary By "Annalist")

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN BATTLE FRONT IS AGAIN CONFUSED AND CONFLICTING. ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES SPEAK OF HEAVY FIGHTING AT LENINGRAD AND ODESSA, AT NEITHER OF THESE BASTIONS OF SOVIET RESISTANCE DO THE GERMANS APPEAR TO HAVE MADE ANY HEADWAY.

The Germans now assert that the reduction of Leningrad is a matter of two or three days but they have made similar claims on previous occasions, probably with as much justification.

Certainly there is no sign of any weakening of confidence in the tone of the Russian communiques, and independent news messages from Leningrad.

The population, men and women, seem to be animated with an unbreakable spirit that has more than matched the ruthless ardour of the Nazi assailants. In the central sector, the fighting seems more stabilised, with the initiative with the Soviet in local counter-attacks which gain some ground and inflict heavy losses.

#### Crimea Offensive

In the south, reports have reached London suggesting that the Germans are launching a fairly heavy offensive against the Crimea.

Four divisions are reported to have been allotted this task; that is about 70,000 men, but if the Russian defence is on the scale of other parts of the front the Germans will find them none too many.

Strong defence lines on the isthmus, sailors from the Sebastopol naval base, who are known to be tough fighting men, and aircraft from the naval air base in the Crimea, will all contribute to the defence.

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The agency adds there are rumours in Rome that the accident was one in name only and that Sebastiani's death was really due to the fact that "he knew too much." — Reuter.

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## RUMANIAN TROOPS ROUTED AT ODESSA

THE POSITION of the Odessa garrison has been greatly improved by an action in which the 13th and 15th Rumanian Infantry Divisions were routed for the second time, it was announced in Moscow yesterday.

These troops, after an earlier mauling at the hands of the Russians, were reformed and flung against the defences in an effort on which their commanders evidently pinned high hopes, says the "Red Star."

After day-long fighting the Rumanians broke through the Soviet lines at the cost of several hundred dead.

Undismayed the Russians regrouped their forces and attacked the flank of the Rumanian troops and isolated them from the main army before the breach could be exploited.

When on the other flank a surprise attack was made with the aid of Soviet naval units landed from the sea, the Rumanians broke and fled.

"As a result," the "Red Star" concluded, "the defence line of Odessa was pushed forward a considerable distance." — Reuter.

ranging from one to five points. But extreme losses were in many cases reduced before the market closed, when news from Washington suggested Mr. Morgenthau's suggestion was likely to encounter strong opposition in both houses of Congress.

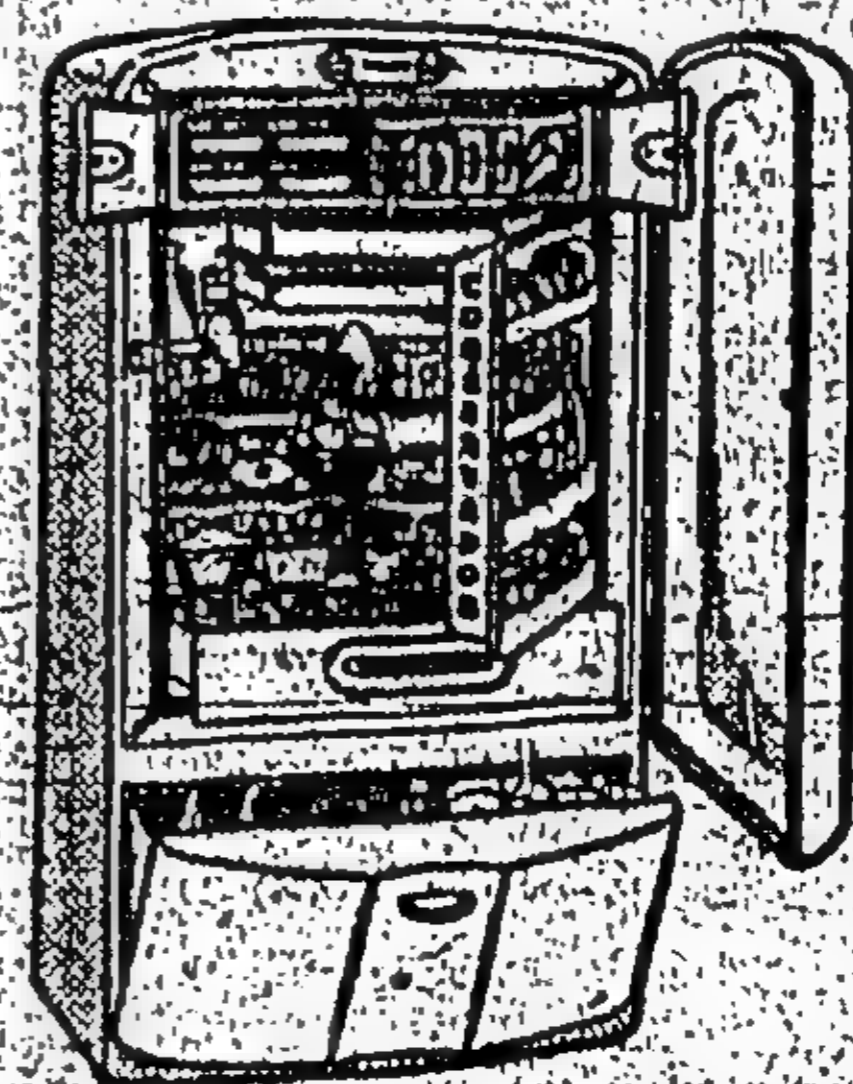
Some 1,200,000 shares changed hands during the day which is the largest total for two months. — Reuter.

#### Shock To N.Y. Market

A recommendation by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of Treasury, that all profits should be limited to six per cent. during the present emergency, caused yesterday one of the sharpest New York Stock Market breaks since April.

Steels, motors, aircraft and other industrial specialties were among the first to tumble, declines

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## MR. EDEN ON WORLD OF FUTURE

"WE HAD TO CALL ON you to help us in the cause for which we are fighting. We shall need you even more for the cause for which we will be working in peace."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, made this statement when welcoming at a British Council lunch in London yesterday delegates to the British Association meeting on science and world order which opens to-day.

"Hitler's regime and its conception of the master race and subject races is founded on racial intolerance and buttressed by cruelty."

"It must be overthrown and so at present your work is destined to be dedicated to the destruction of this regime."

Mr. Eden said there was once in Heidelberg University an inscription "to the living spirit." That had now gone and had been replaced by "to the German spirit."

It was that German spirit which made German scientists slaves of a regime which was opposed to everything science represented.

### Science And Statecraft

"That spirit has to be overcome. We have to see to it in the political sphere that when it is overcome precautions are taken so that the world may not be subjected again to the ordeal it has endured so many times from this same German spirit."

"The advent of the machine brought astonishing material advantages to many but led to inequalities, to much selfishness, to unfair division and to materialism."

"If, after the war, we are going to have many changes with these things science and statecraft must work together."

"You will help us and guide us and if there is any contribution we can make you know we will be only too happy to make it."—Reuter.

### M. Maisky Present

A notable gathering included the scientists Sir James Jeans and Sir William Bragg.

Dr. Juan Negrin, formerly Premier of Republican Spain, was also there and sat beside H. G. Wells.

The Empire was represented by the High Commissioner for Australia and the High Commissioners for South Africa and India, while foreign diplomats included M. Maisky and Mr. Winant.—British Wireless.

### AIR DONATIONS

An additional £10,000 received in London has brought donations from British communities in China for aircraft to a total of £210,000.

A further donation from the Punjab has brought the Punjab War Fund total to £224,000. The Fund has now given two fighter squadrons to the R.A.F.—Reuter.

## MAIN FACTORS FOR FLYING ARE CONFIDENCE AND DETERMINATION

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL make-up of the candidate is probably the most important factor in suitability for flying, says a doctor.

Flying under war conditions calls for cool judgment, courage, and determination, he declares in the Medical Journal in telling of problems of recruit enlistment. "The seasoned pilot flies his aircraft as an experienced driver drives his motor car," the doctor says. "Many of his actions are of a semi-automatic nature."

Up to 80 per cent. of the failures in flying training are due to indirect lack of flying ability. It has been stated, and the doctor says that again, this is due to lack of the flying temperament. Outstanding factors making up flying temperament are confidence and determination.

### Some Tests

He then outlines some tests of medical and psychological value. In one, the applicant is instructed, after exhaling a deep breath, to take as deep a breath as possible. Then, blowing through a mouthpiece, he is told to force a column of mercury up to a certain height and to keep it there as long as possible.

"Some applicants will hang on until, on account of cyanosis (blueness) or an undue fall in the pulse rate, the examiner tells them to stop; others, on the contrary, will show little determination, and give up after 20 or 30 seconds."

Those records of courage and endurance, which have made us proud of our flying men, are in no small measure due to maintenance of a high standard of physical, psychological and intellectual fitness, the doctor contends.

## TEAHOUSE STRIKE IN KOWLOON

Chinese teahouse employees, cooks, waiters and waitresses, in the Shamshui District downed "tools" this morning and hundreds of Chinese who habitually visit these places had to do without their morning tea or suffer the inconvenience of visiting teahouses in other districts.

Cause of the strike is dissatisfaction over the agreement reached between representatives of employees and employers at the Labour Office last night following a demand for an increase in wages by the Teahouse Employees Union.

Under the agreement those earning up to \$10 per month would be given an increase of 30%, and those up to \$20 an increase of 20%.

Representatives from the Union have been sent to the teahouses involved in the strike to persuade the strikers to accept the agreement.

## COOLIE FOUND HANGED IN GODOWN

A coolie, about 60 years of age, was found hanged in the No. 5 Godown, Kowloon Wharf, at 9 a.m. to-day. He has not yet been identified.

## PATROLS ACTIVE IN LIBYA

A Cairo G.H.Q. communique states: "Our patrols from Tobruk continue to operate nightly over a wide front."

"In the frontier area our patrols have also been active."—Reuter.

## Aviation Petrol Demands

Plans to treble the United States refining capacity for aviation petrol, at an expenditure of approximately \$150,000,000, was announced yesterday by Mr. Harold Ickes, Petroleum Coordinator.

HE DISCLOSED THAT THE NAVY HAD ENTERED THE MARKET WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS FOR 100,000 BARRELS OF AVIATION PETROL AND HAD FAILED TO GET BIDS.

The Navy is understood to have sufficient high octane aviation fuel for its present needs and was seeking stocks for storage.

Mr. Ickes told the press that the emergency in respect of 100 octane petrol had intensified materially by the needs of Russia and Britain, and recalled that he said several weeks ago the refining capacity should be doubled.

He declared the situation now required that it should be trebled.

Fifty new refining plants were needed to boost the daily refining capacity from 40,000 to approximately 120,000 barrels.—Reuter.

## SIR SAMUEL HOARE VISITING ENGLAND

Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador to Spain, accompanied by Lady Hoare, left Madrid yesterday by air for Lisbon en route to London.

It is expected they will stay in London three or four weeks.—Reuter.

## FABULOUS FORTUNE FABLES

An official announcement published in Teheran yesterday stated that the Government has made a close inquiry and has discovered there is no confirmation of a report that the ex-Shah had deposited money in foreign banks.

Open allegations that the ex-Shah possessed vast wealth deposited in foreign countries, probably under a false name, have recently been made in Parliament and the press has been discussing the possibility of the Iranian Government laying hands on such funds.

The semi-official newspaper "Journal de Teheran" reports that all the ex-Shah's family, with the exception of his wife, are at present with him at Kerman, in south-eastern Persia, and they will probably accompany him from Iran.

The newspaper adds the ex-Shah is going to the United States but his wife will go to Teheran.—Reuter.

## ROYAL WELCOME TO WINDSORS

THOUSANDS CROWDED THE APPROACHES TO WASHINGTON'S UNION STATION EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING TO ROAR A TUMULTUOUS WELCOME TO THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR.

They were greeted officially by Sir Ronald Campbell, British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr. George Summerlin, the State Department's Chief of Protocol.—Reuter.

## BIG AUSTRALIAN AIR CONTINGENT

It was officially announced in Sydney yesterday that the largest contingent of Royal Australian Air Force trainees to leave Australia since the outbreak of the war has reached Canada.

They include detachments of trained pilots, observers, gunners, and ground staff personnel for Britain and others who are to complete their training in Canada.—Reuter.

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# AMERICA'S PART IN THE WAR

## Neutrality Act Repeal Move

### President May Ask For More

**INFORMED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON ARE REPORTED AS BELIEVING THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS NEXT WEEK, WILL GO MUCH FURTHER THAN A REQUEST FOR REPEAL OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT.**

It is understood, according to reports from the capital, that the final decision on how much further has not been reached, as the State Department's legal advisers are still engaged on a comprehensive study of the Act, which will provide the President and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, with the necessary information for recommendations to Congress.

Senator Taft, the isolationist Republican and son of the former President, says repeal "would be equivalent to a declaration of war."

Any change in the act, he declared, should be coupled with the question of sending ships into combat zones.

He added that Senators opposing the Administration's foreign policy will meet next week to decide on their strategy.

Administration congressional leaders predict that the President will ask repeal or revision of the Neutrality Act within a fortnight and that Congress will approve the request.

#### Resolution Introduced

Senator McKellar has introduced in the Senate a resolution to repeal the Neutrality Act.

Declaring that the Act was "in direct conflict with our freedom of the seas policy," Senator McKellar told the Senate that the law ought to be repealed outright.

Senator McKellar is Democrat from Tennessee and has been a consistent supporter of the Administration's foreign policy but there is no immediate indication whether he introduced the resolution with the knowledge of Senate leaders.

Senator McKellar said he thought that when the law was on the Statute Books the Government was "virtually paying no attention to it" and for that reason it ought to be repealed.

#### Empty Shell

In the House of Representatives, Roy Woodruff (Michigan) declared: "The President is going to give Congress an opportunity to agree with the President that the Act should be repealed."

He added: "The Neutrality Act is the merest shell of an empty statute which the Government does not intend to enforce."

"Every informed member of Congress and every informed observer in Washington knows that President Roosevelt has not left one vestige of the Neutrality Act unviolated in spirit if not in letter."

"Judging by President Roosevelt's past performance it would matter little to him whether Congress did or did not modify or repeal the ragged remnants of the Act, because the President himself in effect repeals, modifies and amends statutes to suit himself when he feels the occasion requires it."

#### "Dead As Dodo"

"It is a mistake for the American people to be misled into believing the issue confronts Congress in the sense that the Neutrality Act, anemic as it is, has prevented the President and his administrators from proceeding as they pleased in the conduct of national preparedness, the Administration Lease-Lend Act, and so-called defence of the Western Hemisphere."

### ANTITANK GUNS POUR OUT

**AUSTRALIAN - MADE ANTI-TANK GUNS ARE NOW ROLLING OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINES AT A FASTER RATE THAN YET ATTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES.** SAYS A SYDNEY "MORNING HERALD" SPECIAL WRITER AFTER A VISIT TO A GREAT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORDNANCE FACTORY.

The first Australian anti-tank gun was produced in April. Now manufacture has been speeded up so rapidly that the full scheduled output has been reached.

This main factory, with 50 component manufacturing shops, was erected in three months, the wartime ordnance organisation bearing comparison with the most efficient factories in Britain and Germany.

Many anti-tank guns have already been shipped to equip members of the Australian Forces overseas. —Reuter.

### SHIP BLOWS UP UNDER DIRECT HIT BY R.A.F.

**YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. Middle East communiqué stated that Benghazi was again successfully raided by R.A.F. heavy bombers during the night of September 23-24.**

At Tripoli many bombs were dropped on shipping in the harbour and fires broke out. Benghazi harbour and shipping were attacked.

### GERMAN LOSSES IN POLISH WAR

**POLISH MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY STATED THAT GERMAN LOSSES IN THE POLISH GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER, 1939, WERE 90,000 KILLED AND 200,000 WOUNDED WITH 400 TANKS AND 800 PLANES DESTROYED.**

The first incomplete list of Polish casualties contains the names of more than 1,000 Polish officers and non-commissioned officers killed. —Reuter.

### SUPPLY OF MICA BY INDIA

It is understood in Simla that certain arrangements regarding the supply of mica were reached between Mr. Henry Grady, special U.S. economic investigator in the Far East, and the Indian interests concerned during Mr. Grady's visit to Calcutta.

India is the world's leading producer of sheet mica, one of the most vital key materials required in modern war production. —Reuter.

### SINKING OF FIFTY NAZI SHIPS CLAIMED

The Soviet Fleet Air Arm has sunk 50 German ships in the Baltic since the beginning of the war, according to Moscow radio last night quoted by Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA'S COLOSSAL WAR EFFORT

**"AUSTRALIA TAKES THE WAR MOST SERIOUSLY AND NO CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE IN THIS RESPECT," SAID SIR FREDERIC EGGLSTON, FIRST AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO CHINA, WHO IS NOW IN HANG-CHOW EN ROUTE TO CHUNG-KING.**

Sir Frederic made this statement in an interview with Reuter yesterday.

He added Australia was making a war effort which was colossal for a nation of seven millions.

He expressed Australia's greatest admiration for the splendid resistance by China against aggression, and especially for the great leaders of the Chinese people.

Emphasising the unity of the diplomatic system of the British Commonwealth, Sir Frederic said that while Australia was taking full responsibility for the protection of her interests in the Pacific she recognised that the responsibility could be discharged only under a system by which there was joint consultation and co-operation between British representatives, and he hoped fully to cooperate with the British Ambassador in Chungking. —Reuter.

#### TERM EXTENDED

The strikers failed to turn up for their wages and it was stated this morning that these salaries will be handed over to the Labour Officer, Mr. E. C. K. Hawkins, today.

The term of office of Lord Wakehurst, as Governor of New South Wales, has been extended for a period of 12 months from April 8, 1942, says Reuter from London.

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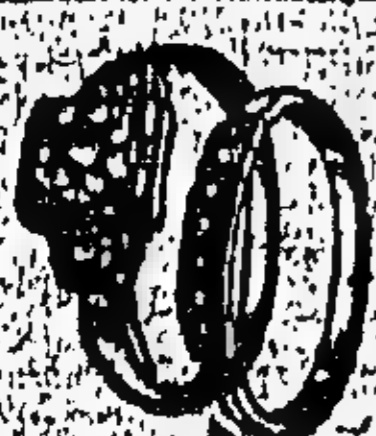
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# "BIG TEN" MAKE UP FREE FRENCH NATIONAL COMMITTEE

THE "BIG TEN," as the new Free French National Committee has already been termed, includes men who have seen wide and varied experience in the service of their country.

The Commissioner for War, General Gentilhomme, was the first French army chief openly to defy the Armistice and was a passenger in the "Empress of Britain" when she was bombed and sunk by German aircraft.

## WHIPPET SAVES HER MASTER

Bill Newman, veteran Dover trawler hand, who has survived all the hazards of war in the Channel, slipped on a moss-covered ladder when going ashore from his ship, at Dover. He fell into the harbor.

Nobody saw him go, except his whippet called Dover. She raced madly up and down the deck and dragged members of the crew to the spot.

Newman was rescued and sent to hospital with two broken ribs. Afterwards he went many miles away to recuperate.

Dover pined for him. She would neither eat nor drink, and spent hours searching everywhere for her master.

Newman's shipmates did everything they could to stop her worrying. It was no use. One day she was found dead.

## 'YOUR SON WILL NOT RETURN'—HEIL HITLER

A contrast in official and private death notices of German soldiers is noted by Mr. Wickham Steed, former editor of "The Times."

In official Nazi party newspapers, notices inserted by relatives read the same—

"In memory of... For the Fuehrer and the Reich he found a hero's death."

But in older newspapers, many of which have managed to maintain something of their former character, no mention is made of Hitler or the Nazis in page after page of death notices.

An example is: "In memory of to give up a young and hopeful life in bitter fighting on the eastern front."

The official German Government card sent to parents of soldiers killed in action reads:—

"Your son will not return. Heil Hitler."

## NAKED DUTCHMAN'S GIBE AT GERMANS

The London "Daily Mirror" recently published a picture of a man walking in the street wearing nothing more than his hat, gait stockings and shoes.

The report accompanying the picture said: "This is a Dutchman and how he walked out in the streets of Amsterdam. He was almost immediately arrested."

"But he explained that the Nazis' clothing ration allowed him one suit a year and here he was walking out in it as a protest."

"The Nazis called it impudence, and sent the man to a concentration camp. His friends snapped a picture of him and smuggled it out of Holland."

## SITSON MA RECITAL

The best of Professor Sitson Ma's violin recitals is to be given this evening at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel. The programme opens with Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major and ends with the performer's "Sulyuania" suite.

He was formerly Governor of Djibouti and commanded the Anglo-French forces in Somaliland when France collapsed.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs is M. Maurice Dejean, who was Secretary to the French Embassy in Berlin for nine years.

At the outbreak of war he returned to Paris and became confidential secretary first to M. Daladier and then to M. Reynaud. Since his arrival in Britain he has been head of the Free French Diplomatic Service.

Vice-Admiral Muselier has commanded the Free French naval and air forces since July, 1940.

## Ex-Servicemen's Union

Professor Rene Cassin founded the French Union of Ex-Servicemen and has been Secretary of the Free French Empire Defence Council.

M. Andre Dethelm was Chef du Cabinet to M. Mandel, Minister of Interior, when France collapsed.

Captain Daragenilleu is a priest in civil life. During the Dakar incident last year he was instrumental in preventing the capture of General de Gaulle's envoys.

He recently toured Canada explaining the Free French movement to French-Canadians.

M. Hauck is the well-known Socialist journalist and propagandist.

M. Alphand was Attache at the Vichy Embassy in Washington last year.

## Air Specialists

M. Rene Plevin served at the Air Ministry in Paris at the outbreak of war and afterwards was second in charge of the French air mission to the U.S.

Air Commodore Vallin is a specialist in night flying. The French Government sent him to the Near East in 1935 and later to Brazil on a special mission. From there he came to Britain to join General de Gaulle.—Reuter

## CHIEF OF U.S. AIR CORPS IN MIDDLE EAST

Major-General Brett, Chief of the U.S. Air Corps, accompanied by Lt. Col. Fellers, American Military Attache in Cairo, and other Staff officers, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday says a Reuter despatch.

## SHUTTLE AIR SERVICE TO MANILA

A SIKORSKY S-42 CLIPPER, WHICH PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS PLANS TO OPERATE TWICE WEEKLY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MANILA, IF PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, LEFT SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 23 EN ROUTE TO MANILA.

It is anticipated that the twice-weekly service will be operated between Hong Kong and Manila exclusively by the Sikorsky S-42 Clipper.

If plans are approved, Pan American Airways will then divert all of the Boeing and Martin Clippers direct to Singapore.

This will give Singapore weekly service and Clippers will depart Singapore for Manila every Wednesday and depart Manila for the United States every Friday.

## SENTENCED TO DEATH

General de Gentilhomme, former Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Somaliland, who is now with the Free French, was sentenced to death in his absence by a court martial at Gannat yesterday.

The court also ordered confiscation of his property.—Reuter

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## INDIA'S GROWING AIR POWER NOW APPARENT

## RUSSIANS TRAIN FOR BRITISH TANKS

It is understood that the Russians are establishing schools for the training of crews for British tanks, and probably Russian military experts will visit Britain for tank instruction.

Tank production this week will create a record and it is Government's intention that the record production should be maintained.

The volume of tanks and munitions to be sent to Russia during the winter and spring of next year will be a high percentage of British production. Efforts are being made to speed up transport so that British supplies to Russia will arrive in the shortest possible time.

Railways and roads in the Middle East are being developed in order to take increased supplies from Britain to Russia.—Reuter.

SIGNIFICANT SIGNS of India's growing air power are now apparent. The trickle of imported British and American warplanes reaching the country is giving signs of developing into an ever-increasing stream, while another indication is the growing efficiency of the assemblage plant in south India, which is getting into its stride.

So promising is India's position in fact that an immediate problem is the production of trained personnel in sufficient numbers to meet the anticipated flow of machines which will soon be available.

## ONE EYE MAN STILL IN A.A.

An A.A. gunner who was born without fingers on his left hand, is blind in one eye, is deaf and mentally backward, has been in the Army for ten months. "He has not, so far as I am aware, been discharged," said a Ministry of Labour spokesman in the Commons. "This man was examined in the usual way and was placed in Grade II."

Reuter learns that existing facilities are adequate to cope with the further expansion of the Indian Air Force, which will shortly take place.

In future all recruits will be granted commissions for the duration of the war immediately they have completed training. Under the former system those who could not be immediately absorbed were returned to civil life until their services were required.

## To Give Impetus

This assurance of a commission, as opposed to civil life, for an indefinite period, is expected to give a great impetus in the number of applications from all over India to join the Air Force.

Further notable evidence of India's growing wings was provided this month when for three weeks large-scale aerial tactical exercises were held by the Indian Air Force.

Observers expressed the greatest satisfaction in the performance of the Indian pilots, whose skill in handling their aircraft in the most advanced manoeuvres caused general admiration.—Reuter.

## NURSE SEES PATIENT FALL TO DEATH

Looking through a spy-hole, a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, saw Mrs. Mary Geraldine Mozley, 64, wife of Canon John Kenneth Mozley, of St. Paul's Cathedral, climb out of a second-floor ward window and fall to her death.

The nurse said at the Hammer-smith inquest recently: "I called her name, but she took no notice, and when I got in she was hanging on the ledge by her hands. I caught hold of her left shoulder, but she let go her hold and fell into the area below."

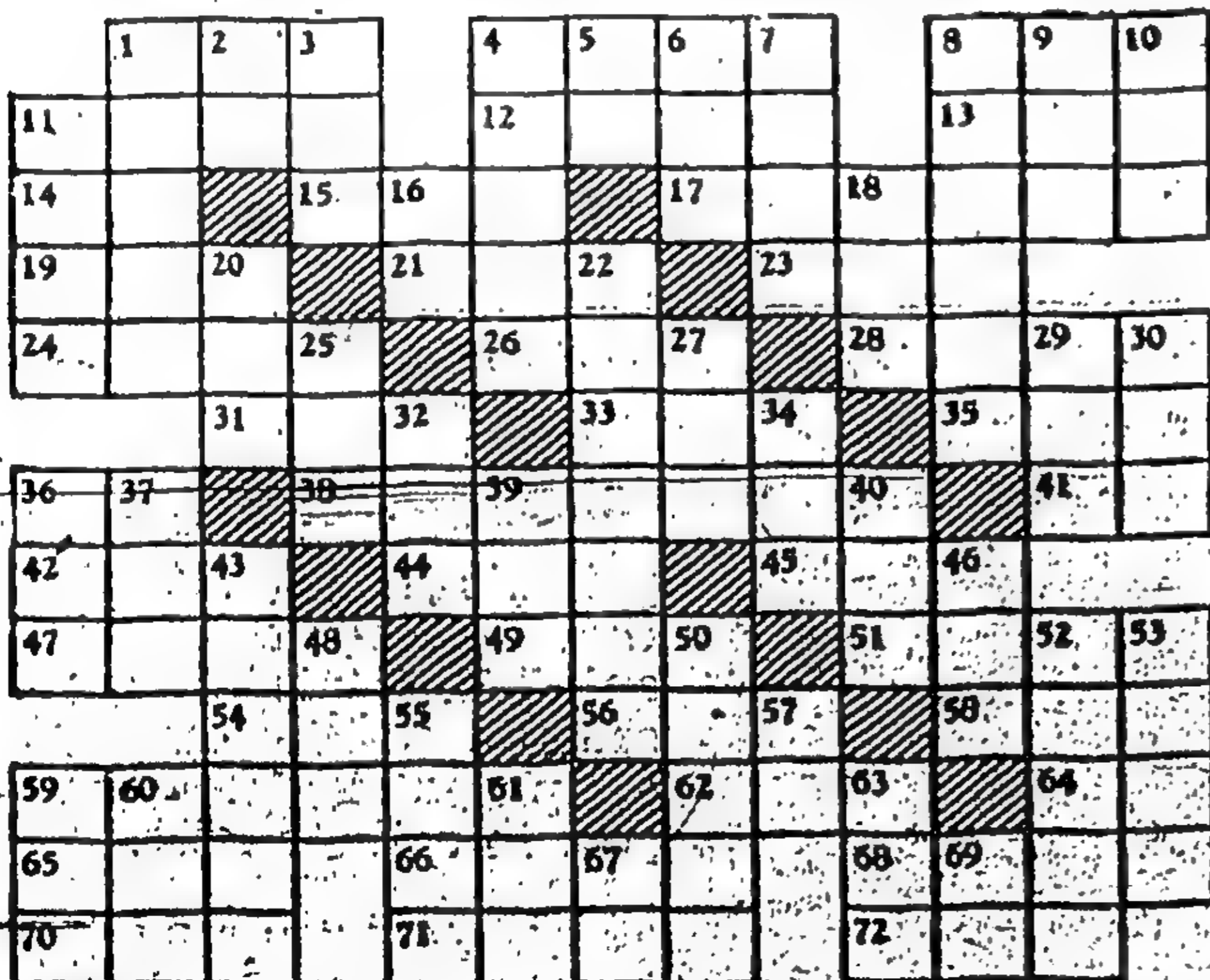
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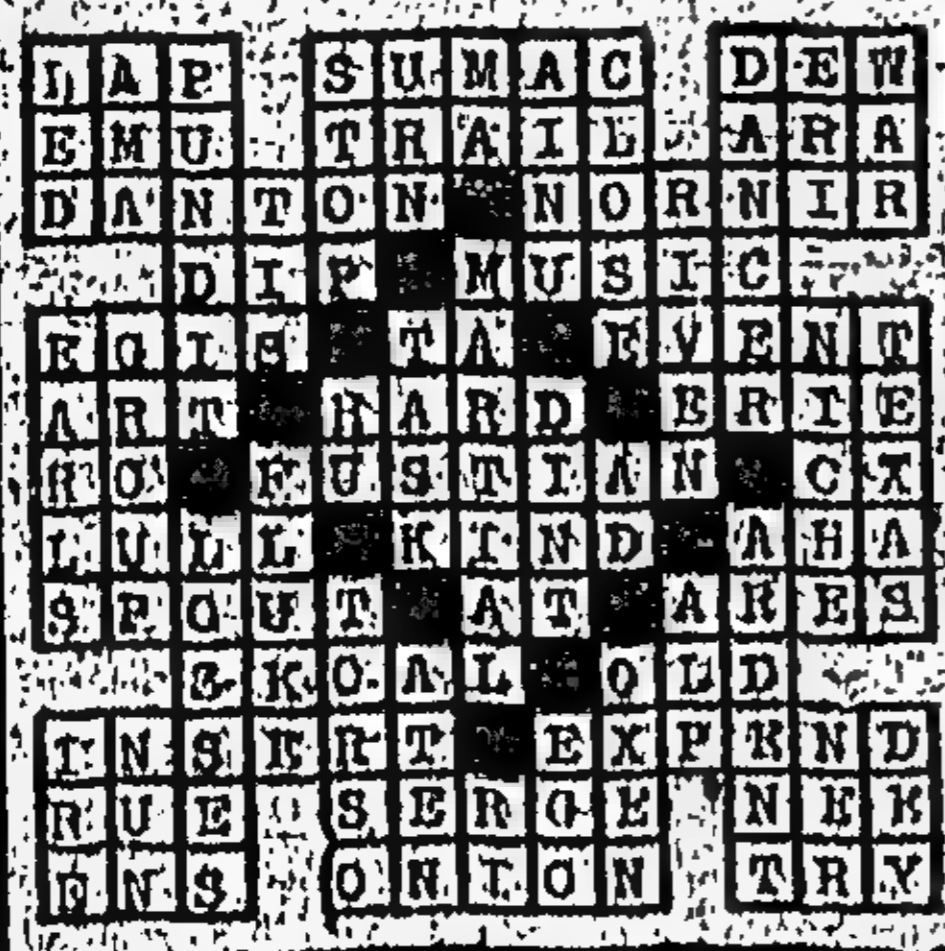
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Rotating piece.
- 4 Insignificant trifle.
- 8 Cry of sheep.
- 11 Impolite.
- 12 Egg-shaped.
- 13 Archlike antiquity.
- 14 Above.
- 15 What for?
- 17 To clog with mud.
- 19 To recline.
- 21 Snake-like fish.
- 23 Tropical fruit.
- 24 To retract.
- 26 To knock.
- 28 Strong wind.
- 31 Inlet.
- 33 Nothing.
- 35 Carpet.
- 38 Symbol for iron.
- 39 To reel.
- 41 To depart.
- 42 Sprite.
- 44 Ostrich-like bird.
- 45 To silence.
- 47 Ardour.
- 49 Vast age.
- 51 Healthy.
- 54 Brazilian coin.
- 56 To tend.
- 58 To listen.

## VERTICAL

- 1 Soft of Venus.
- 2 Paid notice.
- 3 To cry like a cat.
- 4 Lobby.
- 5 Four.
- 6 Scoundrel.
- 7 Masculine name.
- 8 Pauper.
- 9 Completely.
- 10 Humourist.
- 11 Law.
- 12 That man.
- 13 Flash speech.
- 14 Norse god.
- 15 Mass of peace.
- 16 Sluggishness.
- 17 Poetic—it is.
- 18 Swims.
- 19 To haul.
- 20 The self.
- 21 Eluded.
- 22 Support.
- 23 Charge.
- 24 Cloth measure.
- 25 Rice plate.
- 26 College cheer.
- 27 To give birth to.
- 28 Opening.
- 29 Bull.
- 30 African river.
- 31 To confine.
- 32 Wife of Geraint.
- 33 Sails.
- 34 Cautious father.
- 35 Gamin.
- 36 Indian.
- 37 Gamo.
- 38 To clip.
- 39 Earth address.
- 40 Diviner of Oda.

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# Not Merely A Flash In The Pan

THAT THIS WEEK'S apportioning of the British tank output to Russia is no mere "flash in the pan" effort is made clear in an authoritative statement yesterday to the effect that assistance will continue after this week and on an increased scale.

"More to follow" will be the slogan for the future.

Government has already planned for deliveries of tanks to Russia in increasing quantities over the next nine months and there are reserved plans in being for an extension of this aid programme to 18 months or two years.

Before long it is hoped British tanks will be on active service on the Russian front.

The sending of British technical staff to Russia and of a reciprocal delegation to Britain of Russian experts is at present under discussion in order that the Russian military authorities may get used to handling British types as quickly as possible.

## STORY OF R.A.F. SECRET

The story of the formation of the R.A.F. Wing which has gone to Russia was told by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

The C.O. of a North of England station received a message a few weeks ago stating briefly that a new Wing was to be formed there and would proceed overseas at short notice. Though nobody at the station knew it at the time that marked the birth of the Wing that has gone to Russia and has already claimed seven Nazi fighters.

First of the Wing to arrive was the squadron leader, an original member of the City of Glasgow Auxiliary Squadron. He was followed by a stream of others. They came by bus and train from all parts of the country, some from squadrons already famous, some from operational training units or depots. None of them knew where they were going or what was in store for them.

First inkling came when equipment officers were ordered to issue every man in the Wing—ground crews and administrative officers alike—with the warm battle dress that normally is issued to flying personnel only.

### In Combat

Then, one August morning, Wing Commander H. N. G. Ramsbottom-Isherwood, New Zealand leader of the Wing, gave orders to entrain. The journey to Russia had begun though none of the rank and file and few of the officers knew it.

Besides the leader from New Zealand there are Canadian, Australian, Scottish, Irish and, of course, English pilots in the Wing. One of the intelligence officers comes from Jamaica.

Many of the pilots have been in combat with the Luftwaffe in sweeps over occupied territory.

The entire personnel of the Wing arrived safely in Russia—British Wireless.

## ATTACKS ON SHIPPING

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS: "ON WEDNESDAY THE WEATHER WAS UNFAVOURABLE FOR AIR OPERATIONS BUT AIRCRAFT ON PATROL CONTINUED TO ATTACK ENEMY SHIPPING."

"Off the coast of Norway a Hudson aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed a large enemy supply ship from a low level and off Dunkirk Hurricane aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked an enemy mine-sweeper with cannon and machine-gun fire."—Reuters.

## "FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO GROUSE"

"One of the things we are fighting for is the right to criticise and to tick off our own Government."

"It is one of the things we shall never give up—the right to grouse," Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal told a Welsh audience.

## ATTACK ON SIBERIA GUESS

A Japanese war with Russia is believed in Chinese circles in Chungking to be brought nearer by the German successes on the eastern front.

It is impossible to ascertain the number of Japanese troops massed in Manchukuo but well-informed Chinese opinion contends that the figure of 1,000,000, given in certain quarters, is somewhat high.

The Chinese military authorities in Chungking estimate total Japanese strength along the Russian border as between 580,000 and 800,000.

The same quarters place the total Soviet-opposing strength at 600,000.—Reuters.

## WORK OF ANTI-T.B. CLINICS

A record number of patients was attended during August at the anti-T.B. Clinic at Tsimshatsui, which has just completed its first full year in active service.

The Clinic, which like that run by the Maryknoll Mission sister-doctors at Kowloon City, is organised by the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, handled 285 cases in August, made up of 202 re-visits and 83 new cases.

Of the 83 new cases, 61 were females, ranging in age from 87 to 5 years. Among other women patients were a dance hostess down on her luck, a lady hairdresser, and an A.R.P. Warden.

The Tsimshatsui Clinic is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Dr. N. K. Low being in attendance on Thursdays, and Dr. J. Shu, who is in general charge, on the two other days.

### Home Visits

The Kowloon City Clinic, at Kak Hang Tsun Road, dealt with 102 cases during the month, 43 of them being new. Eleven of the new cases were found on diagnosis to be positive T.B. Some of the patients came from the New Territories.

Sisters in charge of this clinic dispatch visits to the homes of victims of the scourge, crowded noisy cubicles with inadequate space. "We see them try," writes Sister Maria Gorazon, M.D., "to isolate themselves from the rest of the family but this often creates misunderstanding and increases expense, as a result there is often strained daily life."

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## GERMANS SHOT HIM AS A SPY

A second lieutenant of the Dutch Navy landed secretly in Holland, lived there under an assumed name, and sent valuable military information to Britain.

Eventually, the Nazis caught him. He was shot. "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, discloses details of the heroic exploit.

The officer's activities have been admitted by the Nazis, who have issued this account of the venture.

"A former Dutch officer who returned to the Netherlands in a secret way has been shot."

"During his stay in Holland he used an assumed name. He collected military information which he transmitted to the enemy abroad."

"This man was detected and appeared before a German military tribunal charged with espionage. Sentence of death was passed. A firing squad has carried out the sentence."

No further information was available on inquiry in official Dutch circles in London.

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## POLITICAL PARADOX

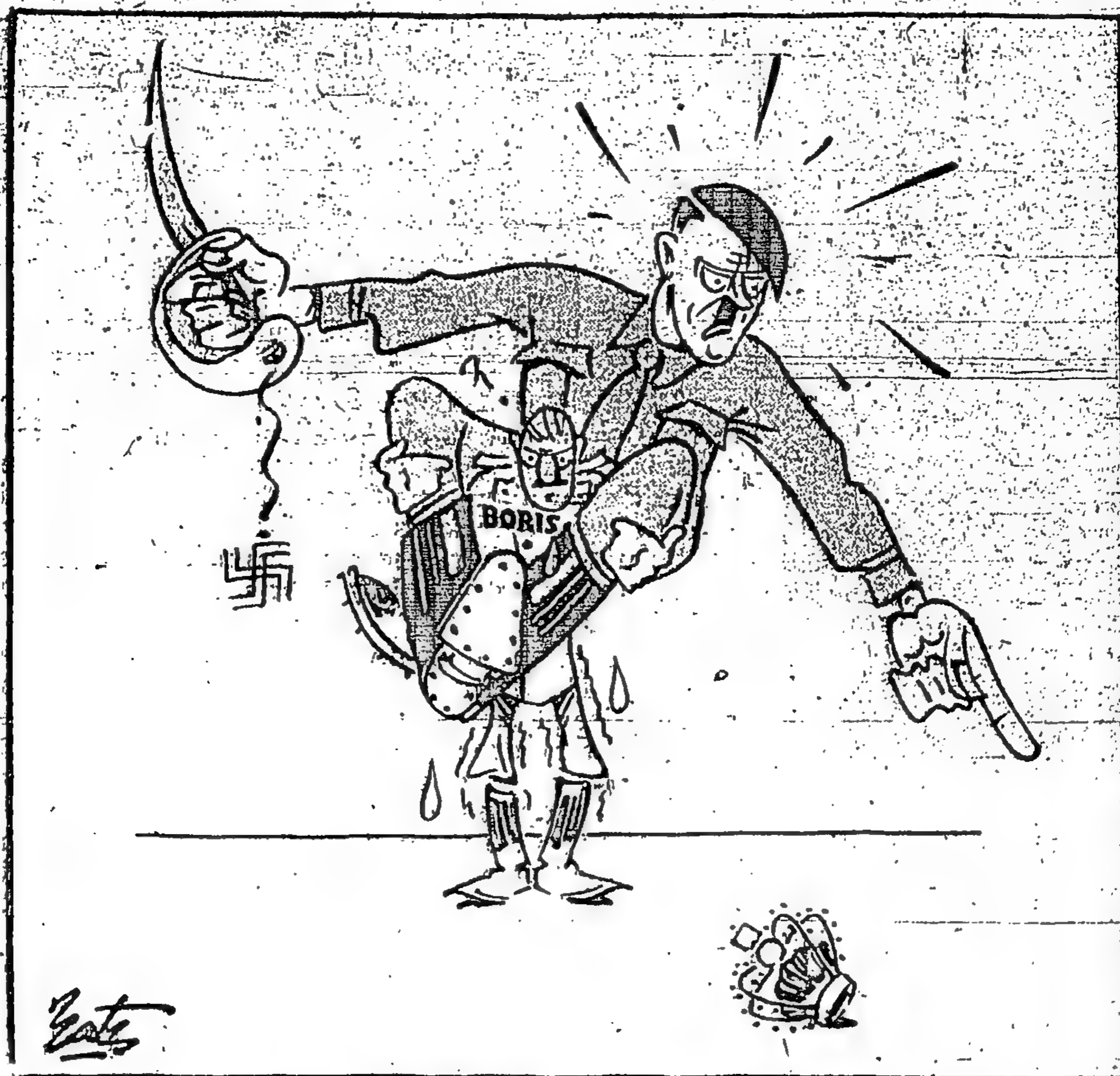
It is a curious paradox of political life that while Liberalism has grown stronger and stronger during the last twenty years, the Liberal Party has grown weaker and weaker. Its creed has become the creed of British democracy. A political faith which all the best minds of all parties either accepted or at least did not repudiate, afforded no basis for party strife, no rallying ground for party leaders, and ceased to gather big battalions for the conflict at Westminster.

The Labour Party had a more controversial case to put before the electors and won the suffrages of many who still believed in all that Liberals had stood for. Conservatism had broadened its platform and no longer questioned the fundamentals for which Liberals once had fought, and won the votes of many Liberal-minded men who distrusted the class-objectives of Socialists. A course in which all believe is one for which no one need fight — unless it is again called in question.

But Hitler has called it in question. The freedom at home—the right of free speech and thought, of political representation, of justice in the courts—for which Liberals fought in the past, has been denied by Hitler. Equally he has denied the political rights of other peoples, so strenuously asserted by Liberals in the nineteenth century.

Against this it is not only professed Liberals who are fighting, but all Britain. Mr. Winston Churchill has expressed his hope that in the years of reconstruction unity may be preserved. Is there not a possibility that those who have persisted in their cultivation of avowedly Liberal doctrines may regain some of their ascendancy in the State, and express their distinctive beliefs not on behalf of themselves alone, but on behalf of democracy?

There are attributes of the finer essence in the Liberal tradition which will be needed when the war is over—insight into the inner meaning of democracy which will enable nations not merely to reap the obvious fruits of victory, but also, as Lord Meston at the recent Liberal Party conference suggested, to "guard their hearts against the bitterness which clamours for in-



"NO AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS."

## R.A.F.'s Amazing Aircraft

The R.A.F.'s "policy of perfection" sometimes earned criticism from foreign experts before the real air-fighting started. To compete with Nazi mass-production, they said, British standards of design, materials and construction, the highest in the world, should be lowered in favour of sheer numbers.

But the thousands of air battles which have raged since—with their many-to-one ratio in favour of the R.A.F.—have proved the British policy to be right.

Now we read daily of how enemy planes "disintegrate," "fall apart" and "fly to bits" after a brief burst of multiple machine-gun fire or a hit by a single cannon-shell. But we also read how British planes have flown hundreds of miles home to their bases after damage which would have "disintegrated" any enemy plane.

For instance . . . A heavy British bomber was making its run over a Cologne railway yard when a chance A.A. shell exploded immediately in front of its nose. The blast blew in the front turret, and an unlucky splinter set off a powerful flare "bomb" inside the fuselage.

There was a "terrific explosion inside," to quote the pilot, which wrecked the fuselage, blew off both doors, and tore a great hole ten feet long and about three feet wide in the side. At the same time fires began to blaze near a main petrol tank. By all rights the plane should have broken up at once. But, despite the "great gash in its main framework," it carried on, just "wallowing a bit because the whole body was twisted."

The fire extinguished, "we carried on and dropped our bombs, since we hadn't made the journey for fun." Then, against an 80 m.p.h. head wind, the crippled plane began a five-hour flight home to its base. Within a few days the plane was repaired and flying again.

Almost incredible, this story, but typical of many which have proved the value of the "perfection" policy.

Another big bomber, a Whitley, was so badly shot-up by A.A. fire that the port wing was almost stripped of covering. Nearly two-thirds of its upper covering was blown off, exposing the skeleton of the wing, and nearly one-half of the lower covering. Again, by every law of flying, the plane should have gone into an uncontrollable spin and crashed. Yet, somehow, it flew some hundreds of miles home. To fight again a few days later.

A Hurricane, after downing a Nazi Me. 109 over the Channel, was suddenly attacked with cannon and machine-guns from the rear. Bullets pierced the pilot's shoulder, closed one eye. Explosive shells killed his engine, and tore great pieces from his wings and tail, so that jagged sheets of metal stood out from the wings, the rudder was three-quarters skeleton only, and one tail wing was only a third covered. Yet this "Flying Maypole" managed to glide across 20 miles of sea to a safe landing in England.

No Messerschmitt with such damage could even have retained control.

Despite their speed the British fighters are incredibly sturdy. One fighter pilot, chasing a heavy bomber, ran out of ammunition. Refusing to lose his prey, he edged up until his port wing lay just about the bomber's massive tail wing.

The pilot waggled his control column, and the Hurricane's wing slapped down hard and repeatedly on the enemy's tail, knocking it clean off, and sending the bomber down to crash. The Hurricane landed, almost undamaged.

Twin-engined planes are intended to keep aloft on one engine, but only for a short flight to the nearest emergency landing ground, for the remaining engine must be run dangerously "all out." But there have been many

cases of British bombers flying hundreds of miles home, across enemy country and the sea, on one engine. Thanks to their superb materials and workmanship R.A.F. engines can go all-out for several hours with so little risk that our crews have several times decided to cross nearly 200 miles of open sea, with one dead engine and rudder hard on, rather than land or jump to safe capture or internment in enemy or neutral country.

Hundreds of stories could be told of British planes returning safely with great holes blasted in wings and fuselage of Wellington bombers, whose unique "basket-work" skeleton enables them to withstand direct hits which would wreck any Nazi plane reaching home with one engine dangling below the wing—of raging fires aloft and thousands of rounds of ammunition exploding without fatal effect.

But instead one should put in a word for the tireless workers of the Salvage Section of Maintenance Command and for the civilian workers who aid them in rushing repairs on our damaged machines. Praise for the men and women who made the planes should also not be stinted.

So efficient are these two organizations that, even at the very height of the autumn Battle of London, the rate of repairs was faster than that of casualties. One of our new planes returned recently so badly damaged, with great holes blasted in wings and tail, that it was at times out of control. Yet 48 hours after it staggered to a landing, the plane was repaired, completely overhauled, and in action again.

Britain's "hand-made" planes require more man-hours of manufacture per plane than the Nazis', but this is offset by the fact that a far larger proportion of her total fleet is in fighting form at any one time. This, as well as their resistance to punishment, is another argument in favour of quality before quantity.

Britain scores over Germany in yet another point. Goering began to build his Luftwaffe just about two years too soon, so that a large part of his fleet is out-of-date. Great aeronautical developments were taking place at about this time, so that the later R.A.F. planes are technically far ahead.

The Nazis have tried to even things up with hasty improvisation. By sticking armour on here, clumsy gun turrets, there, heavier engines in planes meant for lighter ones. Even today they are still producing many of the types they had before the war.

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# TORPEDOING SHIPS FROM THE AIR

WE ARE ALL OF US getting accustomed now to reading about ships, both merchant ships and warships, being torpedoed by aircraft. Now let us be quite clear about one fact. The torpedo which is used in these attacks is an ordinary naval torpedo, and is not any fearsome contrivance such as most people imagine when they hear mention of 'aerial torpedoes.'

Frankly, there is no such thing as an aerial torpedo. This is just a fancy term invented by an imaginative person as long ago as the last war when Zeppelins were dropping heavy bombs, both so much bigger and more destructive than the things we were then accustomed to call bombs that it seemed necessary to give them a special description. The torpedo has to travel through the water to reach its target. It is not dropped from the air direct on to a ship, writes H. C. Ferraby in "London Calling."

This marks the big difference in technique between the airman who is bombing a ship even in a low-level attack and the torpedo-dropper. The bomber has come down very low indeed if he is 150 ft. above the ship. But that is much too high for the torpedo-dropper: he must come down to something less than 50 ft. above the water before he releases the torpedo. Why is this? Because the torpedo when it hits the water naturally gets a nasty shaking. Remember what happens to a clumsy human diver who goes into the sea or the swimming bath from even ten or fifteen feet. He isn't fit for much swimming and may even be put out of action altogether. Inside the torpedo there is a lot of very delicate machinery — a gyrocompass to steer it, fast-running engines to drive the propellers, and quite a lot of other rather secret gadgets. A severe shock will throw them out of gear just as the human works of a clumsy diver are thrown out of gear, but in the case of the torpedo there is no natural power, no life as it were, which can gradually adjust the damage and start the mechanism working again.

### Six Misjudged Their Height

So the torpedo-dropper has to come down as low as he possibly can to lessen the shock. I have been present at a good many torpedo-dropping exercises in the course of the past twenty years. I have seen a line of battleships attacked by eight machines. The pilots of six of them misjudged their height. Their torpedoes hit the water with a terrific thud and when the splash had subsided there were the torpedoes up-ended bobbing about helplessly like so many dead dolphins. The other two torpedoes which had gone into the water more gently ran towards the line of battleships, and one hit the after-end of the ship. It was in a very vulnerable spot. I need hardly add that the torpedo was fitted with a dummy head in which there was no explosive, otherwise I doubt if I should be here to-day.

The Navy became at one time very doubtful about the value of torpedo-dropping. There were so many failures of the kind I have mentioned that a number of senior and influential officers would have been glad to see the whole idea abandoned. But a small school of enthusiasts plugged away at the problems (and there were a good many other things besides the actual dropping which had to be resolved) — and in this war torpedo-dropping aircraft both of the Fleet Air Arm and of the Coastal Command have had some startling successes.

### The Bomb That Bounced Off

There is an important difference tactically between the bomb and the airborne torpedo. You will notice in studying any accounts of the war at sea that whereas bombs have been able to damage the smaller ships such as destroyers and light cruisers, and even to damage them so severely that they cannot get back to harbour, the bigger ships (the battleships and battle-cruisers) have been more or less unharmed by bombing.

There was a delightful phrase used by one of our Admirals describing a bomb hit on the battleship Rodney. He said quite casually: 'It just bounced off.'

Where the Air Arm has done damage to big ships at sea, it has been by means of the airborne torpedo. The first notable success of this method was the hitting of the French battle-cruiser Strasbourg by a Fleet Air Arm machine as she was escaping from Oran to Toulon. Then followed the dramatic night attack on the Italian Fleet in Taranto harbour though it was recognised at the time that in that case the airmen had stationary targets. Since then we have had the Battle of Cape Matapan in which the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto was torpedoed from the air in the course of three attacks, was hit more than once, and was compelled to slow up. More recently we have had the similar case of the German battleship Bismarck whose fate might have been very different had the aircraft from the Victorious not succeeded in getting in a torpedo hit on the evening of May 24, and so reducing her speed.

This seems to be the great tactical value of the airborne torpedo — this capacity for slowing up an enemy ship which is endeavouring to avoid action. It is not expected by any naval man that one torpedo will annihilate a big modern capital ship, but a hole in the hull, the flooding of two or three compartments with anything up to 600 tons of water, must affect her speed and thus give the pursuers the advantage of the extra knots necessary to overhaul her and bring her to action.

Torpedo-dropping against merchant ships is quite a different category. Here one successful hit may be sufficient to upset the stability of the ship to such an extent that she capsizes or founders.

The reason is that the merchant ship cannot be so completely subdivided into watertight compartments as is the fighting ship.

### \$5,000 A Time

On the other hand the merchant ship is by no means so resistant to bombs as the battleship, and since a torpedo costs well, let us use the pre-war figure and say £5,000 — torpedo-dropping against anything but the most valuable merchant ships such as tankers is not encouraged. Bombs will probably do the work quite as effectively.

We must, however, keep a sense of proportion in discussing air attack against ships. There are many attacks which fail. You may recall that during the hunt for the Bismarck one wave of torpedo planes launched from the Ark Royal was unable to find the target owing to low visibility. And it must not be supposed for a moment that a ship at sea is a sitting target. Avoiding action, as we have come to call it, can always be taken and is always taken as soon as the direction from which the attack will develop can be foreseen. And there is always the war ship's anti-aircraft armament to bear in mind. The torpedo-dropping plane must come down almost to water level and within half a mile of the target in carrying out an attack. It doesn't require very much imagination to picture the inferno of explosive shell through which the pilot has

## FRENCH TO FIGHT US IN LIBYA, SAYS REPORT

A n unconfirmed Turkish report says that at least two divisions of French colonial troops are on their way to Libya to reinforce the Germans, who are said to be suffering from the effects of desert warfare. — Associated Press.

to dive to get into position. The airborne torpedo is certainly a menace to the big ship, but so is every other offensive weapon. Remember it was the gun which annihilated the Hood. It was the gun that crippled the Graf Spee. We must keep a sense of proportion in estimating the effect of any form of offensive power.

### We Destroy One Axis Ship A Day

Torpedoes and bombs alike have been used by us frequently in the last few months in the course of our attacks on the German-controlled shipping that is endeavouring to keep the more distant sections of the German forces supplied with fuel, ammunition, and stores. This German attempt at blockade running is on a vastly greater scale than anything that occurred in the last war, and the consequence is that the amount of tonnage working for the enemy which we have sunk is far greater than was the case between 1914 and 1918.

You may have noticed a statement recently that in the course of three months air attack alone against this shipping had destroyed an average of one ship a day. The Germans are certainly not running large convoys. We often read of an attack on one merchant ship protected by two or even three escorts, so that the destruction of one a day must represent a fairly high proportion of the shipping actually at sea. We on the other hand have a daily movement in all the oceans of something like 2,000 ships, and the Prime Minister indicated not long ago that between three and four hundred of them are within the danger zone every day.

### Important Aspect In The Struggle

Now here is a rather interesting figure which I have compiled from the various official reports on merchant ship losses by both sides. In the past three months tonnage lost by the Axis Powers is very nearly 1,000,000 tons. The tonnage lost by the Allied Powers in the same period is about 1,350,000 tons. Since the Axis Powers had at their disposal when the war began only about a quarter of the merchant tonnage owned by the Allies the relative loss of carrying power for Germany and Italy is much heavier than is ours. That is an aspect of the struggle for sea power that is quite as important though it may not appear to be so dramatic as the destruction of a battleship or the annihilation of a cruiser squadron.

## 50-YEARS TIFF — LOVE AGAIN

A ROMANCE STARTED FIFTY YEARS AGO AND WRECKED BY A LOVERS' TIFF HAS JUST ENDED IN THE MARRIAGE OF EDWARD SMITHSON, 70, WIDOWER, AND MISS MARION HOLMES, 73. Their old quarrel was made up recently. They were married by the Methodist Church, Knott End, Lanchashire. Edward Smithson was a shop assistant when they quarrelled. Marion, in the words of a relative, 'never bothered about another young man.'

# CONTROLLER OF STORES TESTIFYING

LI MAN-SHING, sub-contractor to Kin Lee, made a statement to the Chairman of the A.R.P. Commission, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressal, at this morning's session, that he hoped the matter would be probed further in order that it might be cleared up.

The chairman assured Li that he need not have any doubts about that.

At the resumption of the inquiry this morning, Li produced the books he was asked for yesterday, namely documents in connection with his account in the Bank of East Asia, his payment book to workmen, a record of work done and measurements taken, and also the contract showing the prices on which he had agreed to perform the work for Kin Lee.

Chairman: You were asked to produce monthly statements of accounts from the time you started your account with the Bank of East Asia up to date. You have only produced them up to 31st August, 1941. I opened the account only in June and I have lost one of the statements.

Previous to that you had a saving account?—Yes.

## Round Figures

And during the two months you have deposited \$58,000, is that correct?—Yes.

And your withdrawals have been in round figures?—These accounts do not concern only the A.R.P. business but all my other businesses as well.

Yes, but all the withdrawals have been in round figures. I always drew out in round sums.

You then put it into your own cash account in the office, do you?—No Sir, there is no record made.

But besides payment for workmen there must have been other accounts such as purchases of cement etc.—No, Sir, I only supply labour.

## "No Records?"

And you have no records of how those huge payments have been made?—It is in the payment book.

But it only shows the accounts from April, 1941. — I only started work then.

This book shows payment made of \$63,000.—This does not include only work on tunnels but on all other work as well.

But the book says A.R.P. work.—Yes.

Do you know what proportion went to A.R.P. work?—About \$40,000.

This book shows a balance in your savings account of \$25.02 at the end of July. I think so but since I started the other account I gave up the savings account altogether.

Mr. Bellamy, (to witness): Are these prices on the contract with Kin Lee all based on work per lineal foot except for the cement concrete for the wall?—Yes.

Except the cement concrete for the wall which was per cubic yard?—That is correct. I have a copy of the contract lodged with the Waterworks Department.

Chairman, (to witness): You will not be required any further to-day. We will let you know if we should want you again.—May I ask, Sir, that still further inquiries be made so that the matter be cleared up?

Chairman: You may rest assured we will do that.

Witness: And may I ask, Sir, that the prices on the contract I have left with you be preserved, otherwise I will not be able to collect?

The Chairman assured him that this would be done.

## Controller Of Stores

Mr. William John Anderson next witness called, told the Commission he had been Controller of Stores since June, 1939, and that his position was similar to that of purchasing agent for the Government in Hong Kong.

Chairman: What is the procedure for the purchase of stores?—Imported stores are bought through the Crown Agents and local stores are purchased by contract over a period of time.

What is the normal system of purchases by contract?—We collect all the information required and then advertise in the "Government Gazette" our requirements.

And then tenders are called for?—Yes.

In the "Government Gazette"?—Yes.

## Tenders Board

Under General Order 406 I see that in any stores which may be purchased in the Colony, unless the estimated cost is less than \$200, these are to be obtained by contract. Is that correct?—Yes. If any tenders are made and the Government has ground to believe that the tenders sent are collusive or unreasonable, other arrangements may be made. All tenders will be submitted to a Board of not less than three persons appointed by the Government, the Treasurer its ex-officio chairman, the Postmaster-General, the Controller of Stores and the head of the department concerned. If there is no head of department concerned then the Chairman of the Urban Council.

Therefore there is what is known as a Tenders Board here and all tenders are submitted to them?—Yes.

## A.R.P. Stores

Has that always been followed in practice?—Always as far as stores are concerned.

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Has that always been followed in practice as far as the A.R.P. Department is concerned?—In my knowledge I cannot say that all stores not purchased through me have been submitted to the Tenders Board.

As a member of the Tenders Board do you know whether there has been any tender for stores in connection with A.R.P. work that has not been submitted to the Tenders Board?—Yes, I do.

Can you give an instance or instances?—The only tenders that I know called for by A.R.P. stores not submitted to the Tenders Board were those for which I believe approval was given by the Government.

Which Government are you talking about?—Sir Geoffrey Northcote's and also General Norton's.

## Power To Override

I take it that the Governor has power to override the Board?—I don't know what to say.

Do you know about the purchases of picks and shovels for A.R.P.?—I do.

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# CHESS CLUB MEETING

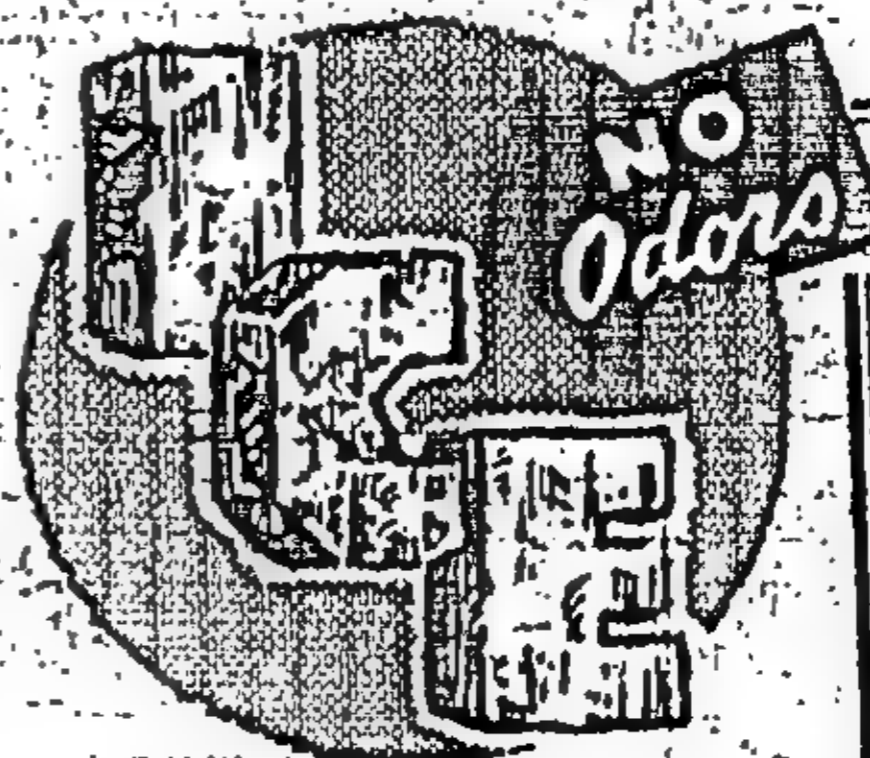
The Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell presided at the annual general meeting of Kowloon Chess Club at Peninsula Hotel yesterday and at which a proposal made by Mr. A. Benjamin that rules of the Club be framed and hung in the Club room was rejected on the ground that every member had been provided with a copy.

The report and statement of accounts, submitted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Birnhoff, were adopted.

Mr. F. A. Fabel asked whether the Committee had considered rearranging the classes of competitors in view of the fact that in the Secretary's report last year's idea was not a fortunate one and did not work out satisfactorily.

Mr. B. D. Evans stated the Club had decided to divide the competitors into four sections, namely senior, intermediate, junior and minor.

Following officials were elected for the coming year:—President, The Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell; Vice-President, Mr. B. D. Evans; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Kurrik; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Y. Biriukoff; Captain, Mr. C. M. Sequeira; Committee, Messrs. V. V. Kolatchoff, K. Weiss, A. C. Mitchell; representatives on the Colony Championship Committee, Mr. Evans and Mr. Kurrik.



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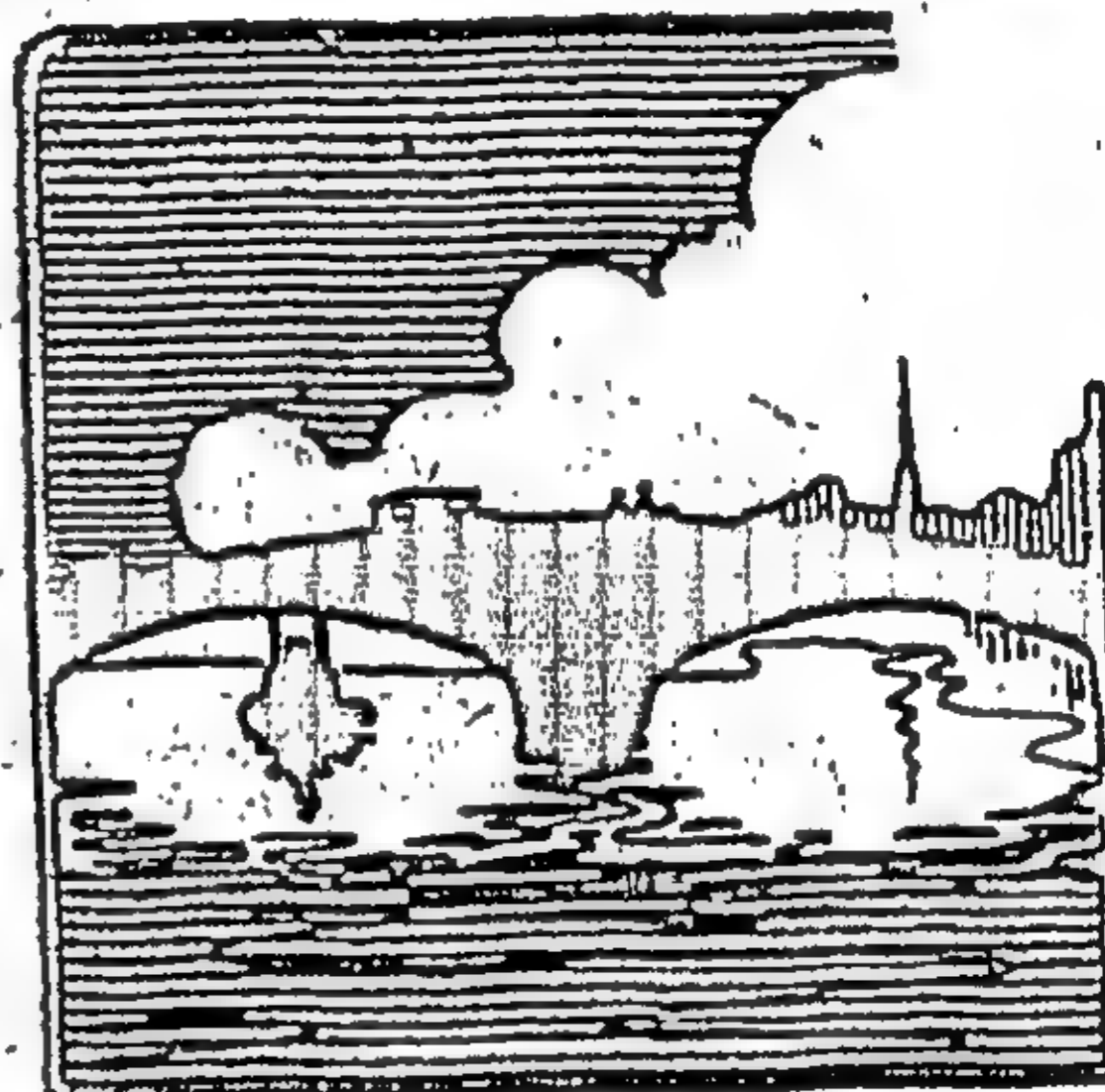
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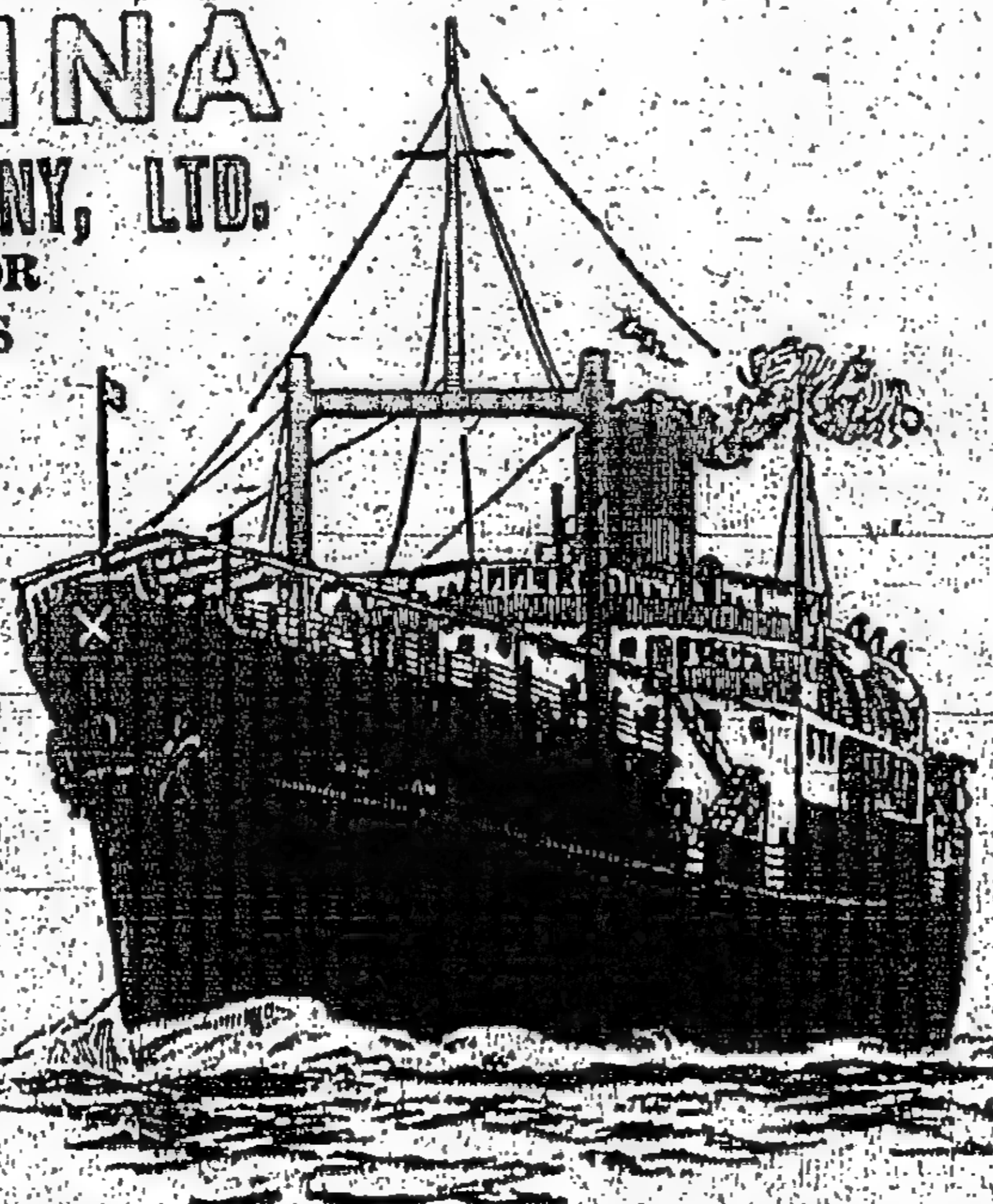
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# FIFTEEN CLUBS ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN CRICKET LEAGUE

Cricketers will welcome the decision made at the meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League last evening to take full advantage of daylight saving time, as a result of which there will be longer hours of play in both League and friendly games this season.

## AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS DO WELL

IN A FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY, NAVAL YARD POLICE BEAT H.M.S. TAMAR BY THREE WICKETS, FEATURES OF THE GAME BEING THE BOWLING OF COLBERT (4 FOR 14) AND THE BATTING OF BURNS (41), BOTH OF POLICE.

Colbert and Burns are two of the Australian recruits for the Dockyard Police who arrived here recently.

Tamar batted first, but against Colbert, Willard (2 for 16) and McGrath (2 for 12) could only muster 65. Bignall played an invaluable innings for 28, and during his stay at the wicket saw the whole of his side's total scored, for after he was out the remaining wickets fell without addition to the score. He went in at the fall of the second wicket and was seventh out, Tamar being one short.

Burns, who opened the innings for Police, made 41 before retiring, when the total stood at 61.

He hit only two fours, being very restrained. Roughley, the Navy footballer, was most successful of the bowlers tried by Tamar, having 3 for 15.

H.M.S. TAMAR				
Williams, b. Colbert	0	0	0	0
Roughley, b. Willard	0	0	0	0
Britton, c. Moore, b. Willard	0	0	0	0
Bignall, c. Moore, b. Laben	28	0	0	0
Ireland, b. McGrath	1	0	0	0
Bainborough, b. McGrath	0	0	0	0
Parlette, b. Colbert	28	0	0	0
Benson, b. Colbert	1	0	0	0
Farries, not out	0	0	0	0
Barton, b. Colbert	0	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0

Total (for 9 wickets) ..... 65

One man absent.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	W.	R.
Colbert	7	3	14	4
Willard	4	0	16	2
McGrath	3	0	12	2
Smith	3	0	6	0
Laben	3	0	15	1

R.N.Y. POLICE				
Breese, b. Roughley	2	0	0	0
R. Burns, retired	41	0	0	0
Moore, retired	13	0	0	0
Laben, b. Parlette	2	0	0	0
L. Colbert, b. Roughley	2	0	0	0
Smith, b. Roughley	0	0	0	0
McGrath, b.d.w., b. Benson	0	0	0	0
Bellamy, b. Williams	4	0	0	0
Hulme, not out	0	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0

Total (for 8 wickets) ..... 71

Willard and Nicholls did not bat.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	W.	R.
Williams	8	0	23	1
Barton	7	2	10	0
Roughley	7	3	13	3
Farries	2	0	8	0
Parlette	3	0	8	1
Benson	1	0	2	1

## CRICKET THIS WEEK-END

Hong Kong Cricket Club are holding a trial at Chater Road to-morrow, while University meet Central British Association in a friendly match at Pokfulam.

C.B.A. will be represented by: N. Whitley, N. Booker, K. M. Baxter, W. Mulcahy, N. L. Smith, J. Mitchell, T. Lockhart, D. Parsons, T. Sulter, C. Semmelman and A. N. Other.

Police Recreation Club will entertain Royal Naval Dockyard Police in a friendly cricket match at Civil Service Cricket Club on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.

The Police team will be selected from: B. C. Fay, G. Wright-Nooth, A. Kirby, J. Shepherd, A. E. Carey, C. Pope, J. F. Forrest, W. L. Clarke, R. White, H. Loughlin, J. Hayward, H. Tyler and E. Salter. Reserves: J. J. Douche, J. R. H. Clements and C. A. A. Nicol.

It was decided that, while times for starting during the months of October, November, December, March and April will remain as hitherto at 2 p.m., matches in January and February will commence at 1.45 p.m., while the extra half-hour of daylight will be added to the old times for drawing stumps, making it 6.45 p.m. for October, February, March and April, 6.30 p.m. for November and January, and 6.15 p.m. for December.

It was also decided that League matches will be played during the months of January and February, and representatives of clubs present at the meeting were invited to arrange friendly matches up to December, the dates for League games to be decided later.

## One H.K.C.C. Team

Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army, who did not participate last year, will be competing again, but whereas Army are entering two teams, Club will be running only one side, in First Division.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, who presided, said that 15 clubs were expected to enter the League and, with the entrance fees collected, together with the balance in hand of \$34.94, he proposed the usual allocation of \$50 to the Children's Playground.

A proposal was made later that, in view of the fact that funds did not permit of a donation to the Bomber Fund at the present, the Champions v. Rest game at the end of the season may be set aside for that purpose when "a hat may be passed round."

Probable entries for the League are as follows:

First Division: Kowloon Cricket Club, University, Indian Recreation Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Recreio, Civil Service Cricket Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army.

Second Division: Kowloon Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Recreio, Indian Recreation Club, Civil Service, Police, University and Army.

## Election Of Officers

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President: Mr. H. R. B. Hancock. Vice-President: Mr. F. Goodwin. Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. A. H. Madar.

## Growder Again

A. C. Growder, former Hong Kong Cricket Club spin bowler, again distinguished himself at Singapore when, playing for Singapore Cricket Club against Royal Australian Air Force on Sunday, September 14, he took 3 wickets for 21 runs, and then followed this up with a breezy innings for 58, which included a lusty six that proved the winning hit.

Going in No. 6, he was not out when stumps were drawn at 193 for 7.

The R.A.A.F., who batted first, could do little against Growder and W. K. Jagger (5 for 38), W. J. Davis (23) and B. Bowley (21) being the only batsmen to do anything of note. They totalled 113.

## ROYAL SCOTS' SOCCER TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Scots in their Football League games on Sunday:

First team v. Navy, Sookunpoo, 6.45 p.m.—Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser; Munro, Fulegher and Clark; Hosack, Fleming, Auld, McDonald and Gilroy.

Reserves: Gibb and Cook. Second Division v. Signals, Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.—Clark; Thomson, S. Parnaby; Gibson, R. Parnaby and Moore; Woods, Bailey, Laws, Gordon and Cornwall.

Reserves: Fowler and Collaghan.

## VERBATIM'S WIN AT NEWMARKET

Cesarewitch candidates had a try-out at Newmarket yesterday in the Clare Handicap, which was won by Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Verbatim over the same two mile course which is being used for the Cesarewitch on October 22.

Verbatim, starting at 2 to 1 favourite, beat Sir Thomas Dixon's Owen Joans, at 4 to 1, by two lengths, while Major Smith Bingham's Paradise Club, at 8 to 1, was third, a length further behind. — Reuter.

## ST. ANDREW'S CLUB MEETING

The Annual General meeting of St. Andrew's Club was held in the Church Hall yesterday. The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, presided, supported by Mr. L. C. Millington and Mr. A. B. Bliss, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

The report revealed that the number of members at the beginning of the year was 129. During the year eight new members were elected and 37 resigned, leaving the present membership 100.

Despite the evacuation, the Club was able to raise a ladies' hockey

team, which played many friendly matches during the season. Following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—President:—Mr. Wittenbach, Vice-President:—Messrs. R. Baldwin, R. Dolmer, G. S. F. Heywood, A. C. Jeffreys and R. H. Wong; Hon. Secretary:—Mr. L. C. Millington; Hon. Treasurer:—A. B. Bliss; Members of Committee:—Miss F. Wong, Miss S. Arnold and Messrs. J. Pennington, W. C. Low, J. Moulton and V. Mervell.

Miss F. Wong and J. Pennington were elected captains of the ladies and men's hockey teams respectively.



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The first day's play in the Wood Trophy match between Shanghai Cricket Club and Rees, saw S.C.C. score 168 (J. W. Pote-Hunt 44, J. C. Jenkins 34, E. R. Duckitt 36) and Rees, reply with 66 for 3 (F. R. Kermani 41).

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# U. M. OMAR SETS ALL TIME LEAGUE BOWLS RECORD: 100 PER CENT.

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH POLICE BEAT KOW LOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB BY 3 POINTS TO 2 IN THEIR THIRD DIVISION LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE GAME AT AUSTIN ROAD A FEW WEEKS AGO THEY WERE GENERALLY CONCEDED EVERY CHANCE OF WINNING BY AT LEAST 4-1 IN THEIR RETURN ENGAGEMENT AT THE VALLEY LAST SATURDAY.

All the experts—not the \$1.50 a day kind—thought that the home team would be celebrating their promotion as the result of this match, but the visitors upset everything by deservedly winning on two rinks and gaining four of the points at stake.

Electricians also had an excellent win in this division, Indians falling narrowly to them at Ming Yuen.

I have put the cart before the horse so will continue by commenting on Second Division games next. Kowloon Football Club lost what may prove to be a valuable point at Chater Road, when Youngusband lost to Brown. Kowloon Tong meanwhile gaining a clean sweep win against Talkoo to sustain their challenge and thereby add spice to the meeting of these two clubs to-morrow.

Chief interest in First Division centred in the lowly placed clubs, of whom only Club de Recreio "B" were able to score as much as half a point. Craigengower had a simple task against Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B", whilst Club de Recreio "A" were all over the Civil Servants. Indians beat Kowloon Dock at Soekunpoo, as was expected.

## Omar's Brilliant Feat

BUT the outstanding feature of the day to my mind was Omar's triumph over McKelvie, not so much for that result in itself as for the fact that it enabled him to go through the League season undefeated. This is a remarkable record and, despite what I said to the contrary many thanks to those who have pointed out my error in saying that C. G. Silva recorded it last year—has never previously been achieved in the Colony. Something more tangible than thanks would be a nice gesture on the part of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association when

closing day comes round. I merely suggest it.

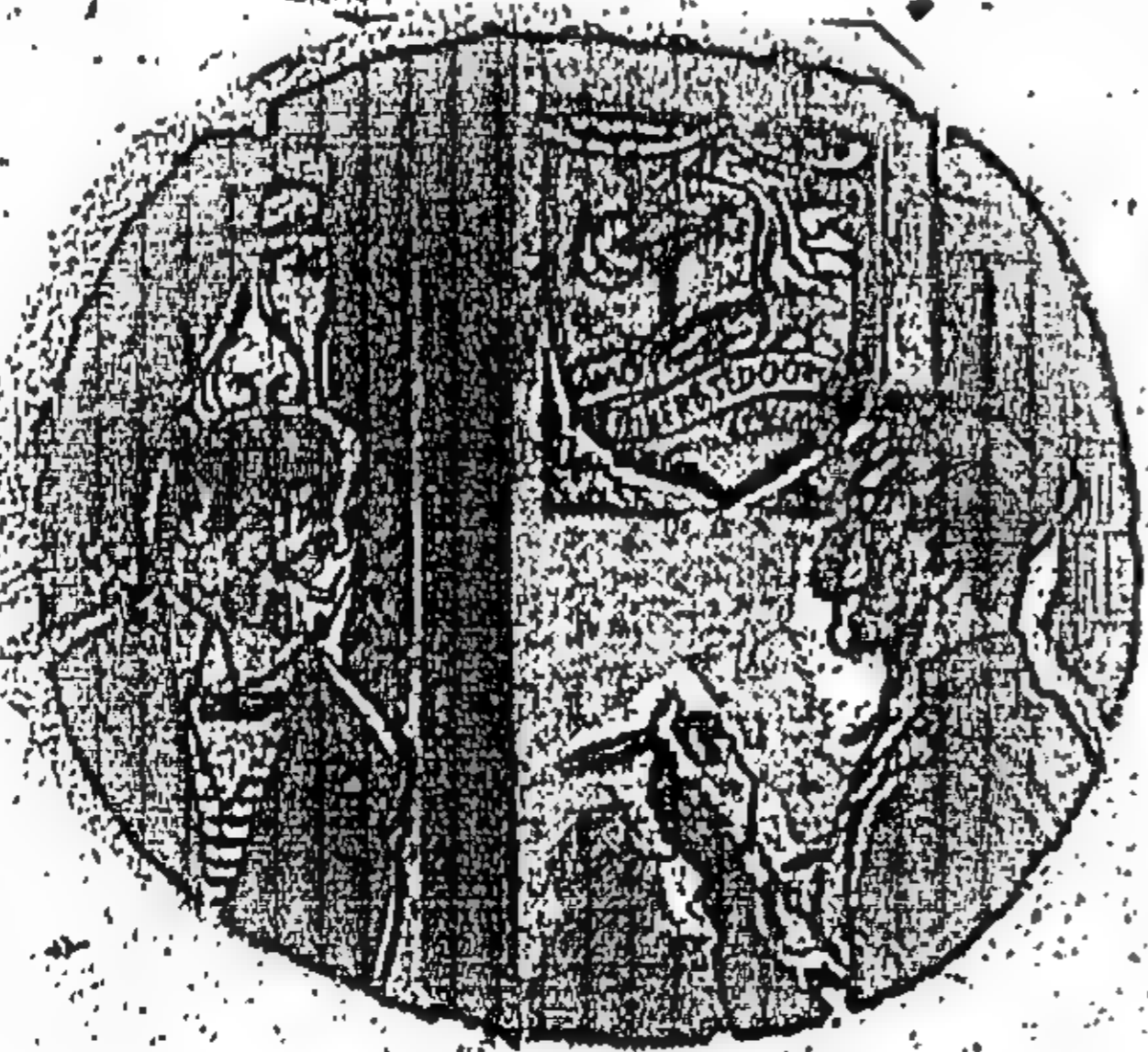
The other members of the rink, A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and R. Basa, should also be mentioned for, though it is the skip who usually "takes the can back" and skip can carry a rink which is poor, however good he may play. So congratulations to all of them!

## Basa's Inspired Game

THEY had a great fight with McKelvie on Saturday and it was possible, right up to the last wood, for them to lose, though "U. M. B." last one made it very difficult for McKelvie to score a five. He had probably four shots when "U. M. B." bowled to secure a certain fourth, leaving the visitor with the option of drawing another to tie or endeavour to carry the jack a little for five. He chose the latter course but was just too heavy and got only two.

Dick Basa, of whom I have not written too enthusiastically this season—and justly so—played an inspired game and saved the situation repeatedly. Lockhart was good as lead to McKelvie, but his side rarely scored when he lay close to the jack—"K. M." and Basa saw to that. Both Gill and McKelvie were good, especially after the interval.

Bradbury simply galloped away from Meyer, who never had a (Continued at foot of Next Col.)



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# MINOR K.B.G.C. CHANGES

Kowloon Bowling Green Club are making only minor changes in both their "A" and "B" First Division Lawn Bowls teams for to-morrow. In the "A" combination, who last played on September 14, only change made is in Duncan's rink, Wallis of Third Division, taking the place of Drew at No. 2. In the "B" team Jordan will be No. 3 to Meyer instead of Drew.

The selected teams are as follows:—  
"A" (v Police R.C., home, 4 p.m.): L. Guy, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); R. P. Phillips, H. White, A. Bower and A. J. Hall (skip); W. L. Walker, C. Wallis, E. Levett and R. Duncan (skip).  
"B" (v Kowloon G.C., home, 4 p.m.): A. J. Rogers, V. C. Dixon, P. A. Peckham and L. Sykes (skip); H. Lockhart, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie (skip); P. Holloway, I. Newton, L. A. Jordan and J. G. Meyer (skip).

V. T. Wang will meet Kio Si-oi in the Shanghai Tennis Championship Final in the semi-finals Wang beat "Poker" Tong 6-1, 6-1 and Kio beat Harry K. F. 3-6, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. P. Arrivis is in the Junior Final, having beaten B. Fong 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 2-6 (Fong pulled a muscle and had to give up).

F. Cochrane, recent winner of the world welterweight championship, is reported to be prepared to defend his title against the winner of the coming fight between Ernie Roderick and A. Danahar, who are meeting on September 29 at the Royal Albert Hall for Roderick's British title. It must be unique for a world champion to challenge a British champion with his title at stake.

William A. Greene, a New York advertising man, connected for the long hole-in-one in golf records on August 11 when he drove a ball 340 yards into the cup on the 11th green at the Apawamis Country Club, Rye, N.Y. The shot, which carried approximately 225 yards on the fly, went out of sight and apparently landed on the green. When Greene and his partner, Art Brashear of New York, arrived to putt, Greene prepared to use another ball, but Brashear's caddy lifted the pin from the hole and the original ball came with it.

## BOWLING ALLEYS AUGUST RECORDS

Following were the highest scores at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys for the month of August.

DUCK PINS	
Ladies: Mrs. Stevenson	120
Men's: Sgt. F. Moore	152
TEN PINS	
Ladies: Mrs. Stevenson	196
Men's: Cpl. J. Gracie	257

look in; and the latter was, to put it in the reverse way, good value for his loss by over a dozen.

Charlie Rossett, similarly got a huge lead on Sykes and had little difficulty in winning.

## Recreio Again Prove Too Good

ALTHOUGH McGowan put up a good fight against Johnny Ribeiro and actually had a lead at one time the Civil Servants never had a look in against Club de Recreio "A" at King's Park and lost all the points. Bill Hillyer had a small lead on Charlie Roza-Pereira as late as the 12th end, but then collapsed badly to lose by a dozen. Arthur Rakusen had a very thin time of it against Dick Alves and, though he scored at 9 heads, he lost by 20 shots.

## Indians Nearly Lose On Two Rinks

GOB Craig, who used to play such a good game for Kowloon Cricket Club, turned out for Kowloon Dock against Indians, and his side, skipped by Ferguson, very nearly won, as did Alec Cullen's against A. K. Miah, but Fred Cullen had no chance with Khan, who pitted them up more or less at will.

## Shepherd's Rink Fight Back

WHEN Rodrigues led Jim Shepherd by 11-3 as late as the 11th head it looked as if he was going to win, but the all-Scottish opposition never gave up trying and blanketed the Portuguese four for the last 4 heads to win comfortably. Bill Hollands, for whom Cameron was a useful lead, was in fine fettle against John Budd, whose score he more than doubled, but Corrie Roza had a fine fighting finish with Jack Pender, a winner of three on the last two ends enabling him to stand half a point for his side.

# JORDAN BEATS AITKEN IN NEEDLE MATCH IN THIRD DIVISION

By "Skip"

IN A MATCH OF WHICH I HAD NO PREVIOUS NOTIFICATION PRISON OFFICERS BEAT HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB 5-0 AT STANLEY, THOUGH ONE MIGHT ALMOST SAY THEY HARDLY DESERVED SUCH A CLEAR MARGIN, FOR TWO OF THE RINKS WON BY A SINGLE SHOT. ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF THE TRUTH OF MY PET SLOGAN THAT EVERY SHOT IS WORTH A POINT, WHICH WOULD BE MORE MATHEMATICALLY CORRECT WERE I TO SAY HALF A POINT.

Tommy Pile and Ken Robertson were neck and neck until the home skip had a "little run" of 6 shots in 3 heads to lead by that number; but the footballers came back strongly and just failed to pull it off. Walter Gill, on the other hand, was always fighting a losing battle against McCutcheon and, after squaring at the 20th, probably considered himself unlucky to go down. Gowland and Willie Macfarlane also had a close fight for 12 heads. But the home skip then forged ahead gradually—perhaps not quite the word—to win by a dozen, the visiting rink scoring only a couple in the last 10 heads.

## Brown's Two Sixes Against Youngusband

THANKS largely to Bill Field, whose rink were in devastating form against George Costello, Kowloon Football Club were always sure of beating Hong Kong Cricket Club. A lead of 10-1 at the 4th and then 17-3 at the 10th must have knocked all the fight out of the home team, who were a couple of dozen to the bad when the curtain fell.

## K. Tong Had Game Well in Hand

KOWLOON Tong meanwhile were keeping just comfortably ahead of Talkoo, and they ultimately ran out clear winners by some 20 shots, of which "Hope" Kew had the major portion. As he was pitted against Jimmie Chalmers, he has reason to be gratified. Dick Keown turned out for Watson, I see, and the rink lost by only three shots.

## Jordan Hero Of Day At The Valley

IT may have been because there were two teams playing at home, but there was certainly a nice little crowd at Police Club, where the battle of the

day—their Third Division team met Kowloon Bowling Green Club—was being staged. Although Hughie Nish also won, Len Jordan was the hero of the day as he and his rink beat the redoubtable Jim Aitken by three shots. This was especially gladdening as the latter carried his team to victory at their previous meeting.

Jordan was in excellent form and often improved the situation, whilst he had good support from George Elphick, his lead, Nolan was the best of the opposition, though Aitken sent down some lovely shots and could not be blamed for the narrow defeat.

Pennell, leading for Joe Carey, played an unsteady game, I hear, and lay the shots—and often two-on every head. "Busty" Bower, back to this division after a brief sojourn amongst the "A" and "B" ponies, had a hard job to make Pennell's work but he played a very good game, as did Nish. The latter put up his best show in weeks.

Macdonald saved a point by beating Wallis and earned further fame by getting a bottle of John Haig, on which the demolition squad got busy after the match. He always had his nose in front and won by 4 shots.

## M.F.C. Always Had Slight Edge

KOWLOON Football Club, at Chatham Road, always had a slight edge on their cricketing visitors from Chater Road and managed to retain all the points, although the margins were close on two rinks.

## I.R.C. Went Very Close!

THE Electricians' record against the Indians at Soekunpoo was all square on one rink, 1 up on another and 2 up on the third so it is not unfair to say that the home team were unlucky to lose 80 per cent. of the points. S. M. Rumliah got a 8 and a 5 against Dan Gardner, but the latter, after trailing 11-9, pulled up well for the narrowest win. Paul led Suffrag all the way, whilst Jim Lumy needed a singleton at the last end to tie Madar, and got it.

A roller skating exhibition in aid of the Bomber Fund and China War Relief Fund will be held under the auspices of Hong Kong Skating Club to-day at 8 p.m. at Ciro's Skating Rink, Causeway Bay. Admission will be \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00 and 50 cents.

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There was originally a programme of 10 events, but it has now been extended to 11 on account of the large number of entries in the Gosford Handicap, which has been divided into three sections. The principal event of the day is the Australian Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate, over the Champions distance, for Australian Subscription Ponies of this season.

THE RAILS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION, AND THE GRASS TRACK IS LOOKING IN SPLENDID CONDITION, WHICH SHOULD ADD MATERIALLY TO KEEN COMPETITION.

General satisfaction will be felt over the fact that Mr. H. C. Pih is well on the road to recovery and is likely to ride again in about three months time. Mr. V. V. Needa will be donning colours for Mr. Li Lan-sang only when his services are not required by Mr. T. K. Li.

#### Race No. 1.—ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

The opening race of the day is confined to "C" Class China ponies, to be ridden by Novice jockeys, and in races of this kind punters should bear in mind the ponies that move freely. In this category I name the following amongst the entries which will contest the finish.

Eve of Folly (Mr. S. W. Lee).  
Humdrum Eve (Mr. Chiu Ki Fan).  
Odeon (Mr. T. K. Li).

Thirty Six (Mr. Ho Hong Ping).  
Eve of Folly, which will be running under the colours of Mr. S. W. Lee for the first time, should stand a very good chance of winning in view of its last win in the West River Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post under Mr. R. M. Wood. Humdrum Eve, that old timer, has however, to be reckoned with, although it has not had a win to its credit for a long time, but it has regained its best form and its chances of a win here are very bright. Odeon has shown how good it is during the morning poms and should give a good account against the above two ponies. Thirty Six's last win was in the Kellett Handicap (First Section) over 1-1/4 miles and, as it is looking fit, it should be near at the finish.

#### Race No. 2.—TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE 1/2 MILE POST.

This is the first section of the race for "B" Class China ponies, and over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters. Avon will have Mr. Black up, but, in view of the shortness of the distance, I think the best it can do is to place. Messrs. Kong Bros. have entered two ponies, and I expect that they will send Guy Star out under Mr. Craven instead of Wonderful Scheme, which is carrying too much weight of 150 lbs. and it has a good chance of scoring a win here. Then there is Hillsboro Bay, which will be ridden by Mr. Needa, and, as we know, this pony's capabilities, this combination should be prominent at the finish. Eye of Heaven (Mr. Wei) is also a dangerous contender. So Nice (Mr. S. W. Tang), with only 130 lbs., to handle may be worth a ticket each way.

#### Race No. 3.—AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION PONIES AUTUMN PLATE—ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

This is the principal event of the day and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of this season, weight 140 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every 200 or part thereof won in stakes.

After its record-breaking run in the Manley Handicap (first section), when it defeated with Lancashire Chips over six furlongs for first position, Midland, which will be taken out by Mr. Black tomorrow, will be carrying 100 lbs. This is 6 lbs. more than its last run, and, although it seems rather a lot of weight to carry over this distance, I think it should just about manage to past the post first. King's Flight (Mr. Needa) will also be up in weight, by 6 lbs., since its last win under Mr. Wei in the Point Nepean Handicap over this distance and as it is in great form now it won't be far away at the finish.

#### Rapier's Final Selections will appear To-morrow.

#### Race No. 4.—VAUCLUSE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

This race is confined to "B" Class Australian ponies with a proviso that Subscription ponies of 1941 are barred. Judging from the entries, I don't think I shall be far wrong in saying that the winner will come from one of the following:—  
A Happy Time (Mr. Craven).  
Caterick Bridge (Mr. Chao).  
Lucky Lady (Mr. Hearne).  
Vanguard (Mr. Wei).

#### Race No. 5.—TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE 1/2 MILE POST.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by first section "C" Class Australian ponies. Vis Major (Mr. Chao) has the best recommendation for a win, based on its second placing behind National Courage in the Cabramatta Handicap (second section) over this distance. Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) has been running indifferently lately, at the morning gallops, being out, but should take it into its head to run straight to-morrow, it should be very near at the finish. Deftalion (Mr. Hearne) should also be considered, and I have a feeling that it may spring a surprise in view of its fine form at the moment. Shaddock (Mr. Black) should also be considered as the pony is seen over this distance.

#### Race No. 6.—VAUCLUSE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE.

Second section "B" Class Australian ponies will fight out the issue here with Subscription ponies of 1941 barred. Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven) for equalling the record of 1 1/4 miles distance when it won the Bandi Handicap will be carrying 6 lbs. less to-morrow and as it is at present fighting fit I am confident it will score another win. Gay Fox (Mr. Black) is another pony which should bear watching as it is also fit at the moment, and a win here is quite possible. Contact (Mr. Davies) has improved greatly, but against the above two ponies it is unlikely to do better than place. Criffel (Mr. Needa) is another candidate capable of being placed in this company if Mr. Needa can keep it up with the leaders.



Mr. V. V. Needa will be riding for Mr. Li Lan-sang, whenever Mr. T. K. Li does not need his services.

#### Race No. 7.—GOSFORD HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS.

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by first section "C" Class Australian ponies. Vis Major (Mr. Chao) has the best recommendation for a win, based on its second placing behind National Courage in the Cabramatta Handicap (second section) over this distance. Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) has been running indifferently lately, at the morning gallops, being out, but should take it into its head to run straight to-morrow, it should be very near at the finish. Deftalion (Mr. Hearne) should also be considered, and I have a feeling that it may spring a surprise in view of its fine form at the moment. Shaddock (Mr. Black) should also be considered as the pony is seen over this distance.

#### Race No. 8.—VAUCLUSE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE.

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#### Race No. 9.—GOSFORD HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS.

This race is for second section "C" Class Australian ponies, and should provide an interesting duel for honours, in which I expect to see Crack Shot (Mr. L. B. Chao), Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven), Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne), The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang) fighting out the finish. Carrying 130 lbs., Crack Shot won the Warwick Farm Stakes under Mr. S. W. Lee and although it will be carrying 3 lbs. more to-morrow, there is no reason why it should not win again. Twinkling Star was second in this same race and it will now be handling 7 lbs. less. It is a difficult pony to figure out, but it always provides a late rush and should be there or thereabouts at the finish. Sydney Lady lost to the above two ponies in this same race whilst carrying 154 lbs.; but with 9 lbs. less it may redeem itself here. The Koala Bear has shown great form in morning training at the last couple of outings and may yet spring a surprise when least expected.

## CHAN CHUN-NAM BREAKS OWN RECORD IN 880 YARDS SWIM

The Colony Swimming Championships were commenced yesterday at Victoria Recreation Club and were featured by the breaking of the 880 Yards free-style record by Chan Chun-nam, who clipped three-fifths of a second off his 1940 record of 11 minutes 15 3/5 seconds.

Several new events were included in this year's championships, and W. Lawrence made a welcome return to competitive swimming when he won the 220 Yards back-stroke event.

In establishing the new record Chan Chun-nam covered the first 220 yards in 2 minutes 34 seconds, and the 440 yards in 5 minutes 27 seconds, which was only one and two-fifths of a second outside the record time for that distance.

The usual trio of Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tai-ping and Yau Sai-kwan, of Lai Tsun, started in this event, and the three swimmers kept practically together till the last 50 yards, when Chan Chun-nam secured an unexpectedly narrow verdict.

Miss Li Po-luen, of University, retained her title in the Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke event. Miss Ko Mu-ling led over the first 50 yards, but the champion finished strongly to win by two yards.

#### Lau Sets Pace

For the first 100 yards of the 220 Yards back-stroke event Lau Tai-ping, of Lai Tsun, led with Runjahn and Lawrence following in that order. At the 150 yards mark the position had changed to Lawrence, Runjahn and Lau Tai-ping, and Poon Wing-kei struggling for third place. After the next two lengths Lau fell back to give Poon Wing-kei third place.

Only Miss J. Anderson competed in the Ladies' Fancy Diving events, as the

other entrant, Miss Josephine Ng, had left for Chungking.

Miss V. Churn, of University, won the Ladies' 220 Yards free-style event—a new event—comfortably, while Miss C. Gutteres, of Victoria Recreation Club, did well to beat Miss Ho Wai-lung of Chinese Bathing Club for second place in a close finish.

The Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley, also a new event, provided Ng Nin with a new record. He beat Tsang Cheong-ming easily after leading from the start.

Interspersed with the Championship events were a number of Victoria Recreation Club members' events, and the best of these was the Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap, which was won by G. Rossetti.

Miss M. Noronha and Miss T. Yvanovich, the only two competitors in the V.R.C. Ladies' 50 Yards free-style junior championship event, provided thrills before Miss Noronha won by only inches.

The 50 Yards back-stroke championship for V.R.C. members was won by H. Reynolds, who led from the start. The championships will be continued to-morrow evening, prices of admission being \$1.20 and 60 cents.

#### Complete Results

Following were the results:—  
Men's 880 Yards free-style: 1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Time: 11 mins. 15 secs. (record); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), Time: 11 mins. 16.4 secs.; 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), Time: 11 mins. 18.3 secs.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Junior Championship: 1. J. A. Marques, Time: 33 secs.; 2. A. Alves, Time: 34 secs.; 3. L. Vieira, Time: 34.4 secs. Also swim—C. Marcal.

V.R.C. Boys' 50 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. L. Sequeira (11), Time: 36.4 secs.; 2. E. da Noronha (go), Time: 36.3 secs.; 3. L. Carvalha (15), Time: 36.4 secs. Also swim—R. Souza (18) and G. Rossetti (22).

Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke: 1. Miss Li Po-luen (H.K.U.), Time: 1 min. 28.2/5 secs.; 2. Miss Ko Mu-ling (Lai Tsun), Time: 1 min. 30.3/5 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-lung (S.C.A.A.), Time: 1 min. 32.1/5 secs. Also swim—Miss Ng Shu-lin (Residents).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. H. A. Silva (1), Time: 1 min. 13.4/5 secs.; 2. L. Vieira (6), Time: 1 min. 9 secs.; 3. R. Sequeira (3), Time: 1 min. 13.3/5 secs. Also swim—C. L. Rozario (go) and C. Silva-Neth (14).

Men's 220 Yards back-stroke (new event): 1. W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), Time: 2 mins. 58.1/5 secs.; 2. A. K. Runjahn (V.R.C.), Time: 3 mins. 2/5 secs.; 3. Poon Wing-kei (Lai Tsun), Time: 3 mins. 6 secs. Also swim—A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.) and Lau Yiu-ling (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Ladies' 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship: 1. Miss Myra Noronha, Time: 35 secs.; 2. Miss Therese Yvanovich, Time: 35.4/5 secs.

Ladies' Fancy Diving—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Junior Championship: 1. H. Reynolds, Time: 32.2/5 secs.; 2. E. D. Rozario, Time: 32.2/5 secs.; 3. Saunders, Time: 33.3/5 secs. Also swim—J. M. Gosano and R. A. Noronha.

Ladies' 220 Yards free-style (new event): 1. Miss Vivienne Churn (H.K.U.), Time: 3 mins. 11/5 secs.; 2. Miss Celeste Gutteres (V.R.C.), Time: 3 mins. 12.2/5 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-lung (C.B.C.), Time: 3 mins. 17 secs. Also swim—Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Ko Mu-ling (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap: 1. G. Rossetti (4), Time: 59.1/5 secs.; 2. J. Rozario (17), Time: 57.1/5 secs.; 3. J. Gomes (0), Time: 56.2/5 secs. Also swim—R. Souza (go) and C. Gutteres (2).

Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley (new event): 1. Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Time: 1 min. 50.3/5 secs.; 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), Time: 2 mins. 2.4/5 secs.

#### BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Black Cats and Sing Tao will meet Ping Ching and Indian Police respectively in the Open Basketball League at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening.

# R.A.F. SHATTERS WAR OBJECTIVES IN FRANCE

## Successes Confirmed By Reconnaissance Direct Hits On Vulnerable Spots

NEW EVIDENCE PROVING THE SUCCESS OF THE R.A.F.'S RECENT DAYLIGHT OFFENSIVES HAS BEEN SECURED BY RECONNAISSANCE, STATES THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON.

### PREMIER TO REVIEW SITUATION

According to present arrangements, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, the Prime Minister will make a statement on the war situation, with special reference to Russia, when the Commons reassemble.

The question whether there will be a debate or not following, depends on the nature of the statement.

Present indications are that the statement will be made in public but little surprise would be caused if part of it were made in secret session. — Reuter.

Sunday's attack on the electric power station and chemical works at Gosnay, near Bethune, was conspicuously successful.

A strong force of British fighters kept Messerschmitts away, enabling the British Blenheim bombers to make steady bombing runs over the great area of the works and almost at leisure direct bombs at the most important and vulnerable parts.

Power stations south-west of the boiler house received one and possibly two direct hits, while the north-east boiler house was also hit.

Other bombs burst on railway trucks. Several more fell along the south-west edge of the dynamo house and coal washing plant.

A coal conveyor and workshops were hit again and again.

The chemical works received at least six direct hits while other bombs burst on the oil pipeline.

Finally, incendiaries fell right among oil tanks, where they were likely to do as much harm as anywhere in the plant.

#### Direct Hits

Hazebrucq's important railway yard, bombed last Saturday by

Blenheims with a fighter escort, received high explosives just where they were most effective.

Several direct hits were scored at the point where railway trucks converge to form a bottleneck. A large engine shed and rolling stock were also hit.

Much damage was also done on Saturday to the shipyards of the Ateliers et Chantiers de Normandie on the banks of the Seine at Grand Queville.

#### On U-Boat Shelters

Bombs fell on the workshop forming the east and south boundaries of the shipyard. Other bombs burst on and near the oil tanks, some of which were wrecked in earlier attacks on these shipyards.

On this busy Saturday Blenheims also vigorously attacked Cherbourg docks.

One stick of bombs burst on the submarine shelters, others bursting among harbour craft.

Apart from these attacks on targets which have become essential parts in the German war machine, bombers also made daylight raids during this busy weekend over the Norwegian, German and Dutch coasts. — Reuter.

### SOVIET ANTI-NAZI BROADCAST

Young organisations of all countries and of all religious beliefs and political outlooks are invited in an announcement from the Soviet Embassy in London to take part in an anti-fascism meeting to be broadcast from Moscow next Sunday.

The meeting will comprise workers in factories and plants, fighters of the Red Army, students, officers, workers, scientists and artists.

For all those, adds the statement, to whom the honour, liberty and independence of their native land is dear, there is only one path of struggle against Nazism and the destruction of Hitlerite Germany. — British Wireless.

### HEAVY JAPANESE LOSSES IN HUNAN

Heavy casualties have compelled the Japanese to pour in more troops to support their six columns in northern Hunan, latest field dispatches disclosed. The second, third and fourth columns at Wukow, Wusungshih and Huishih on the south bank of the Milo River have been increased by 20,000 and started southward thrusts simultaneously two days ago. However, all the enemy units are held by the Chinese. — Central News.

#### TOISHAN ATTACK

The Japanese column from Kiangmoon and Sunwul has reached the vicinity of Tangshukou. Another Japanese unit going up river is also nearing the town. Fighting is in progress to the east of Tangshukou, north of Toishan. — Central News.

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### INQUIRY INTO SOCONY PLANT EXPLOSIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation is enquiring into the cause of the series of explosions in the Socony refinery at Whiting, Indiana, largest in the world.

It is now stated that 16 tanks, with 336,000 gallons of gasoline, were destroyed. — International News Service.

### STATE OF LATENT REVOLT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
General de Gaulle last night announced the formation of a French Provisional Government in exile and told of hopes and concrete plans for the eventual liberation of the French people.

With seven other men of grim purpose, General de Gaulle has organized a French National Committee, as the nucleus of a world-wide organization aimed to establish a Fourth Republic in France.

The Committee immediately elected General de Gaulle President. Declaring that "a state of latent revolt" exists in France, General de Gaulle told International News that his Committee will act as a beacon for the revolutionary spirit of the people of the Republic.

He hoped the Committee would be recognised by Washington, in place of the Vichy dictatorship.

The witness outlined to the Commission (Mr. Justice Cressall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, and Mr. S. Hampden Ross) the procedure followed in the award of various A.R.P. contracts for stores.

At the resumption of the inquiry this morning, Li Man-shing, sub-contractor to Kin Lee, produced the books he was asked for yesterday, namely documents in connection with his account in the Bank of East Asia, his payment book to workmen, a record of work done and measurements taken, and also the contract showing the prices on which he had agreed to perform the work for Kin Lee.

Chairman: You were asked to produce monthly statements of accounts from the time you started your account with the Bank of East Asia up to date. You have only produced them up to 31st August, 1941. — I opened the account only in June and I have lost one of the statements.

Previous to that you had a saving account? — Yes.

#### Round Figures

And during the two months you have deposited \$58,000, is that correct? — Yes.

And your withdrawals have been in round figures? — These accounts do not concern only the A.R.P. business but all my other businesses as well.

Yes, but all the withdrawals have been in round figures. — I always drew out in round sums.

You then put it into your own cash account in the office, do you? — No, Sir, there is no record made.

But besides payment for workmen there must have been other accounts such as purchases of cement etc. — No, Sir, I only supply labour.

#### "No Records?"

And you have no records of how those huge payments have been made? — It is in the payment book.

But it only shows the accounts from April, 1941. — I only started work then.

This book shows payment made of \$63,000. — This does not include only work on tunnels but on all other work as well.

But the book says A.R.P. work. — Yes.

Do you know what proportion went to A.R.P. work? — About \$40,000.

This book shows a balance in your savings account of \$25.02 at the end of July. — I think so but since I started the other account I gave up the savings account altogether.

place of the Vichy dictatorship. — International News Service.

Mr. Bellamy (to witness): Are these prices on the contract with Kin Lee all based on work per linear foot except for the cement concrete for the wall? — Yes.

Except the cement concrete for the wall which was per cubic yard? — That is correct. I have a copy of the contract lodged with the Waterworks Department.

Chairman (to witness): You will not be required any further to-day. We will let you know if we should want you again. — May I ask, Sir, that still further inquiries be made so that the matter be cleared up?

Chairman: You may rest assured we will do that.

Witness: And may I ask, Sir, that the prices on the contract I have left with you be preserved, otherwise I will not be able to collect?

The Chairman assured him that this would be done.

#### Controller Of Stores

Mr. William John Anderson, next witness called, told the Commission he had been Controller of Stores since June, 1939, and that his position was similar to that of purchasing agent for the Government in Hong Kong.

Chairman: What is the procedure for the purchase of stores? — Imported stores are bought through the Crown Agents and local stores are purchased by contract over a period of time.

What is the normal system of purchases by contract? — We collect all the information required and then advertise in the "Government Gazette" our requirements.

And then tenders are called for? — Yes.

In the "Government Gazette"? — Yes.

#### Tenders Board

Under General Order 400 I see that in any stores which may be purchased in the Colony, unless the estimated cost is less than \$200, these are to be obtained by contract. — Is that correct? — Yes.

If any tenders are made and the Government has ground to believe that the tenders are collusive or unreasonable, other arrangements may be made. All tenders will be submitted to a Board of not less than three persons appointed by the Government, the Treasurer its ex-officio chairman, the Postmaster-General, the Controller of Stores and the head of the department concerned.

If there is no head of department concerned then the Chairman of the Urban Council.

Therefore there is what is

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### RUSSIAN FAR EAST FLEET REINFORCED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The London "Daily Express" yesterday quoted an Algiers radio report that 20 Russian warships from the Arctic have arrived at Vladivostok to bolster the Soviet Far Eastern Fleet. — International News Service.

### FIRST GUN IN NEW FIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Senator McKellar's Bill for repeal of the Neutrality Act is regarded in Washington as firing the first gun in the Administration's fight to wipe off the major provisions of the law.

Senator McKellar declared: "The Neutrality Act is in direct conflict with our freedom of the seas policy, which has endured over 100 years."

He added that as long as it remains on the Statute Books Germany will regard herself as master of the Atlantic and will assume the United States is afraid of her military might.

Senator McKellar, who is a strong Administration supporter, said: "My reason for urging repeal is that we made a mistake in passing the Bill and because it did us no good. Also because it is at war with our age-old policy of freedom of the seas."

The attitude of the Administration is understood to be that the Act tends to aid the Axis at the expense of United States defence interests.

Cabinet members feel it should be left entirely to the President's discretion where American merchantmen are sent. — International News Service.

### COLONY'S TRADE

THE TRADE OF THE COLONY INCREASED BY NEARLY 25 PER CENT. IN AUGUST AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST, 1940, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TO-DAY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF IM-PORTS AND EXPORTS.

Imports were valued at \$60,300,000 and exports at \$52,100,000, maintaining the high level of the last six months.

Piece-goods imports totalled \$13,836,744, more than \$6,000,000 higher than last year, and there was a big increase in the export of wearing apparel from \$2,870,000 in August 1940 to \$5,912,307 in August this year, consisting largely of singlets and other similar articles produced at the Colony's knitting factories.

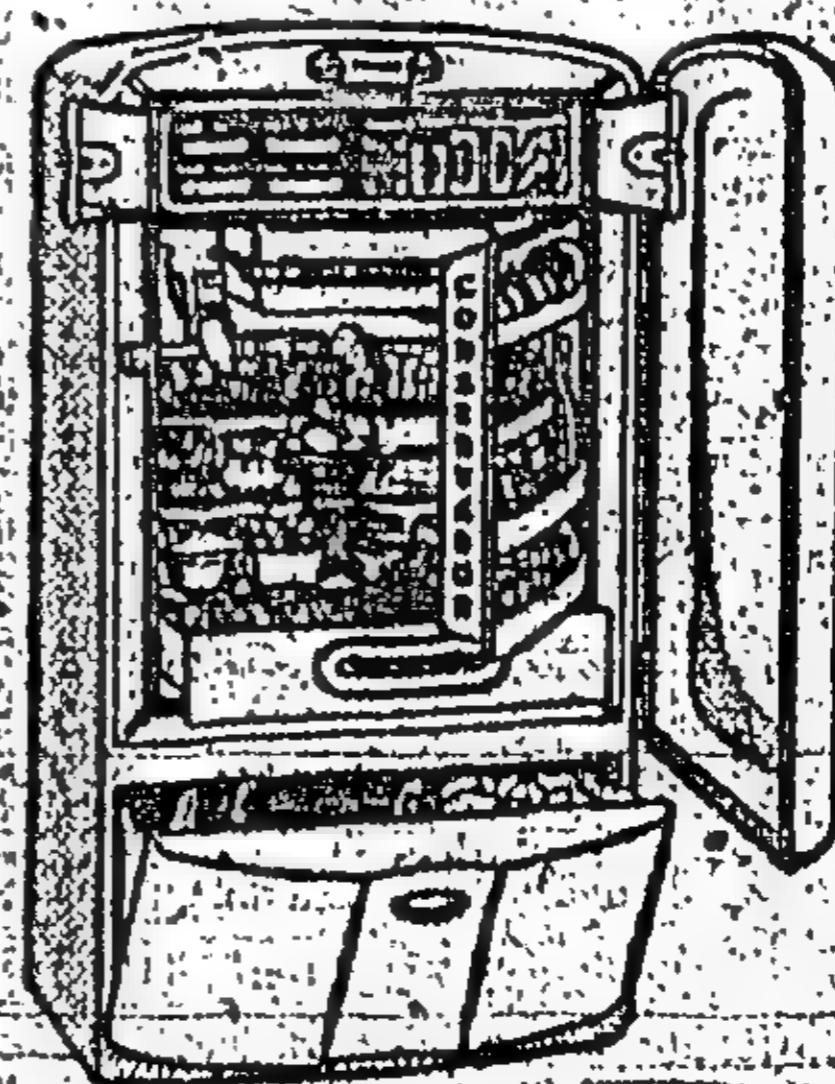
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## MR. EDEN ON WORLD OF FUTURE

"WE HAD TO CALL ON you to help us in the cause for which we are fighting. We shall need you even more for the cause for which we will be working in peace."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, made this statement when welcoming at a British Council lunch in London yesterday delegates to the British Association meeting on science and world order which opens to-day.

"Hitler's regime and its conception of the master race and subject races is founded on racial intolerance and buttressed by cruelty."

"It must be overthrown and so at present your work is destined to be dedicated to the destruction of this regime."

Mr. Eden said there was once in Heidelberg University an inscription "to the living spirit." That had now gone and had been replaced by "to the German spirit."

It was that German spirit which made German scientists slaves of a regime which was opposed to everything science represented.

### Science And Statecraft

"That spirit has to be overcome. We have to see to it in the political sphere that when it is overcome precautions are taken so that the world may not be subjected again to the ordeal it has endured so many times from this same German spirit."

"The advent of the machine brought astonishing material advantages to many but led to inequalities, to much selfishness, to unfair division and to materialism."

"If, after the war, we are going to have many changes with these things science and statecraft must work together."

"You will help us and guide us and if there is any contribution we can make you know we will be only too happy to make it."—Reuter.

### M. Maisky Present

A notable gathering included the scientists Sir James Jeans and Sir William Bragg.

Dr. Juan Negrin, formerly Premier of Republican Spain, was also there and sat beside H. G. Wells.

The Empire was represented by the High Commissioner for Australia and the High Commissioners for South Africa and India, while foreign diplomats included M. Maisky and Mr. Winant, British Wireless.

## Shock To N.Y. Market

A recommendation by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of Treasury, that all profits should be limited to six per cent. during the present emergency, caused yesterday one of the sharpest New York Stock Market breaks since April.

Steels, motors, aircraft and other industrial specialties were among the first to tumble, declines ranging from one to five points.

But extreme losses were in many cases reduced before the market closed, when news from Washington suggested Mr. Morgenthau's suggestion was likely to encounter strong opposition in both houses of Congress.

Some 1,200,000 shares changed hands during the day which is the largest total for two months.—Reuter.

## TEAHOUSE STRIKE IN KOWLOON

Chinese teahouse employees, cooks, waiters and waitresses, in the Shamshuipo District downed "tools" this morning and hundreds of Chinese who habitually visit these places had to do without their morning tea or suffer the inconvenience of visiting teahouses in other districts.

Cause of the strike is dissatisfaction over the agreement reached between representatives of employees and employers at the Labour Office last night following a demand for an increase in wages by the Teahouse Employees Union.

Under the agreement those earning up to \$10 per month would be given an increase of 30%, and those up to \$20 an increase of 20%.

Representatives from the Union have been sent to the teahouses involved in the strike to persuade the strikers to accept the agreement.

## PREMIER TO REVIEW SITUATION

According to present arrangements, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, the Prime Minister will make a statement on the war situation, with special reference to Russia, when the Commons reassemble.

The question whether there will be a debate or not following, depends on the nature of the statement. Present indications are that the statement will be made in public but little surprise would be caused if part of it were made in secret session.—Reuter.

## SHOOT ON SIGHT POLL

FIFTY-SIX PER CENT. OF AMERICANS APPROVE IN GENERAL "FOR HAVING THE UNITED STATES SHOOT GERMAN SUBMARINES OR WARSHIPS ON SIGHT," ACCORDING TO THE LATEST GALLUP POLL, THE RESULT OF WHICH WAS ISSUED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

Thirty-four per cent. disapproved and 10 per cent. were undecided.

The survey was made approximately a week after President Roosevelt's broadcast on the protection of convoys.—Reuter.

### AIR DONATIONS

An additional £210,000 received in London has brought donations from British communities in China for aircraft to a total of £210,000. A further donation from the Punjab has brought the Punjab War Fund total to £224,000. The Fund has now given two fighter squadrons to the R.A.F.—Reuter.

## COOLIE FOUND HANGED IN GODOWN

A coolie, about 60 years of age, was found hanged in the No. 1 Godown, Kowloon Wharf, at 9 a.m. to-day. He had not yet been identified.

## PATROLS ACTIVE IN LIBYA

A Cairo G.H.Q. communiqué states: "Our patrols from Tobruk continue to operate nightly over a wide front."

"In the frontier area our patrols have also been active."—Reuter.

## Aviation Petrol Demands

Plans to treble the United States refining capacity for aviation petrol, at an expenditure of approximately \$150,000,000, was announced yesterday by Mr. Harold Ickes, Petroleum Coordinator.

HE DISCLOSED THAT THE NAVY HAD ENTERED THE MARKET WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS FOR 600,000 BARRELS OF AVIATION PETROL AND HAD FAILED TO GET BIDS.

The Navy is understood to have sufficient high octane aviation fuel for its present needs and was seeking stocks for storage.

Mr. Ickes told the press that the emergency in respect of 100 octane petrol had intensified materially by the needs of Russia and Britain, and recalled that he said several weeks ago the refining capacity should be doubled.

He declared the situation now required that it should be trebled.

Fifty new refining plants were needed to boost the daily refining capacity from 40,000 to approximately 120,000 barrels.—Reuter.

## SIR SAMUEL HOARE VISITING ENGLAND

Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador to Spain, accompanied by Lady Hoare, left Madrid yesterday by air for Lisbon on route to London.

It is expected they will stay in London three or four weeks.—Reuter.

## FABULOUS FORTUNE FABLES

An official announcement published in Teheran yesterday stated that the Government has made a close inquiry and has discovered there is no confirmation of a report that the ex-Shah had deposited money in foreign banks.

Open allegations that the ex-Shah possessed vast wealth deposited in foreign countries, probably under a false name, have recently been made in Parliament, and the press has been discussing the possibility of the Iranian Government laying hands on such funds.

The semi-official newspaper "Journal de Teheran" reports that all the ex-Shah's family, with the exception of his wife, are at present with him at Kerman, in south-eastern Persia, and they will probably accompany him from Iran.

The newspaper adds the ex-Shah is going to the United States but his wife will go to Teheran.—Reuter.

## ROYAL WELCOME TO WINDSORS

THOUSANDS CROWDED THE APPROACHES TO WASHINGTON'S UNION STATION EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING TO ROAR A TUMULTUOUS WELCOME TO THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR.

They were greeted officially by Sir Ronald Campbell, British Chargé d'Affaires, and Mr. George Summerlin, the State Department's Chief of Protocol.—Reuter.

## BIG AUSTRALIAN AIR CONTINGENT

It was officially announced in Sydney yesterday that the largest contingent of Royal Australian Air Force trainees to leave Australia since the outbreak of the war has reached Canada.

They include detachments of trained pilots, observers, gunners, and ground staff personnel for Britain and others who are to complete their training in Canada.—Reuter.

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# AMERICA'S PART IN THE WAR

## Neutrality Act Repeal Move

### President May Ask For More

INFORMED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON ARE REPORTED AS BELIEVING THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS NEXT WEEK, WILL GO MUCH FURTHER THAN A REQUEST FOR REPEAL OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT.

It is understood, according to reports from the capital, that the final decision on how much further has not been reached, as the State Department's legal advisers are still engaged on a comprehensive study of the Act, which will provide the President and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, with the necessary information for recommendations to Congress.

Senator Taft, the isolationist Republican and son of the former President, says repeal "would be equivalent to a declaration of war."

Any change in the act, he declared, should be coupled with the question of sending ships into combat zones.

He added that Senators opposing the Administration's foreign policy will meet next week to decide on their strategy. Administration congressional leaders predict that the President will ask repeal or revision of the Neutrality Act within a fortnight and that Congress will approve the request.

#### Resolution Introduced

Senator McKellar has introduced in the Senate a resolution to repeal the Neutrality Act.

Declaring that the act was "in direct conflict with our freedom of the seas policy," Senator McKellar told the Senate that the law ought to be repealed outright.

Senator McKellar is Democrat Senator from Tennessee and has been a consistent supporter of the Administration's foreign policy but there is no immediate indication whether he introduced the resolution with the knowledge of Senate leaders.

Senator McKellar said he thought that when the law was on the Statute Books, the Government was "virtually paying no attention to it" and for that reason it ought to be repealed.

#### Empty Shell

In the House of Representatives, Roy Woodruff (Michigan) declared: "The President is going to give Congress an opportunity to agree with the President that the Act should be repealed."

He added: "The Neutrality Act is the merest shell of an empty statute, which the Government does not intend to enforce."

"Every informed member of Congress and every informed observer in Washington knows that President Roosevelt has not left one vestige of the Neutrality Act unviolated in spirit if not in letter."

"Judging by President Roosevelt's past performance it would matter little to him whether Congress did or did not modify or repeal the ragged remnants of the Act, because the President himself in effect repeals, modifies and amends statutes to suit himself when he feels the occasion requires it."

#### "Dead As Dodo"

"It is a mistake for the American people to be misled into believing the issue confronts Congress in the sense that the Neutrality Act, anemic as it is, has prevented the President and his administrators from proceeding as they pleased in the conduct of national preparedness, the Administration's Lend-Lease Act and so-called defence of the Western Hemisphere."

### ANTITANK GUNS POUR OUT

AUSTRALIAN-MADE ANTI-TANK GUNS ARE NOW ROLLING OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINES AT A FASTER RATE THAN YET ATTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES, SAYS A SYDNEY "MORNING HERALD" SPECIAL WRITER AFTER A VISIT TO A GREAT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORDNANCE FACTORY.

The first Australian anti-tank gun was produced in April. Now manufacture has been speeded up so rapidly that the full-scheduled output has been reached.

This main factory, with 50 component manufacturing shops, was erected in three months, the war-time ordnance organisation bearing comparison with the most efficient factories in Britain and Germany.

Many anti-tank guns have already been shipped to equip members of the Australian Forces overseas.—Reuter.

### SHIP BLOWS UP UNDER DIRECT HIT BY R.A.F.

YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. Middle East campaigner stated that Benghazi was again successfully raided by R.A.F. heavy bombers during the night of September 23-24.

At Tripoli many bombs were dropped on shipping in the harbour and fires broke out. Benghazi harbour and shipping were attacked.

### GERMAN LOSSES IN POLISH WAR

POLISH MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY STATED THAT GERMAN LOSSES IN THE POLISH GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER, 1939, WERE 90,000 KILLED AND 200,000 WOUNDED WITH 400 TANKS AND 500 PLANES DESTROYED.

The first incomplete list of Polish casualties contains the names of more than 1,000 Polish officers and non-commissioned officers killed.—Reuter.

### SUPPLY OF MICA BY INDIA

It is understood in Simla that certain arrangements regarding the supply of mica were reached between Mr. Henry Grady, special U.S. economic investigator in the Far East, and the Indian interests concerned during Mr. Grady's visit to Calcutta.

India is the world's leading producer of sheet mica, one of the most vital key materials required in modern war production.—Reuter.

### SINKING OF FIFTY NAZI SHIPS CLAIMED

The Soviet Fleet Air Arm has sunk 50 German ships in the Baltic since the beginning of the war, according to Moscow radio last night quoted by Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA'S COLOSSAL WAR EFFORT

"AUSTRALIA TAKES THE WAR MOST SERIOUSLY AND NO CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE IN THIS RESPECT," SAID SIR FREDERIC EGLESTON, FIRST AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO CHINA, WHO IS NOW IN RANGOON EN ROUTE TO CHUNGKING.

Sir Frederic made this statement in an interview with Reuter yesterday.

He added Australia was making a war effort which was colossal for a nation of seven millions.

He expressed Australia's greatest admiration for the splendid resistance by China against aggression, and especially for the great leaders of the Chinese people.

Emphasising the unity of the diplomatic system of the British Commonwealth, Sir Frederic said that while Australia was taking full responsibility for the protection of her interests in the Pacific she recognised that the responsibility could be discharged only under a system by which there was joint consultation and co-operation between British representatives, and he hoped fully to cooperate with the British Ambassador in Chungking.—Reuter.

#### TERM EXTENDED

The term of office of Lord Wakehurst as Governor of New South Wales has been extended for a period of 12 months from April 8, 1942, says Reuter from London.

### LAUNDRY EMPLOYS NEW MEN

THIRTY NEW WORKERS WERE ENGAGED BY THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY YESTERDAY FOLLOWING THE WALK-OUT OF ABOUT 75 PER CENT OF THEIR ORIGINAL STAFF OF LAUNDRYMEN AND ASSISTANTS.

The Company is now carrying on with this skeleton staff but it is likely that more workers will be engaged during the day.

The strikers failed to turn up for their wages and it was stated this morning that these salaries will be handed over to the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, today.

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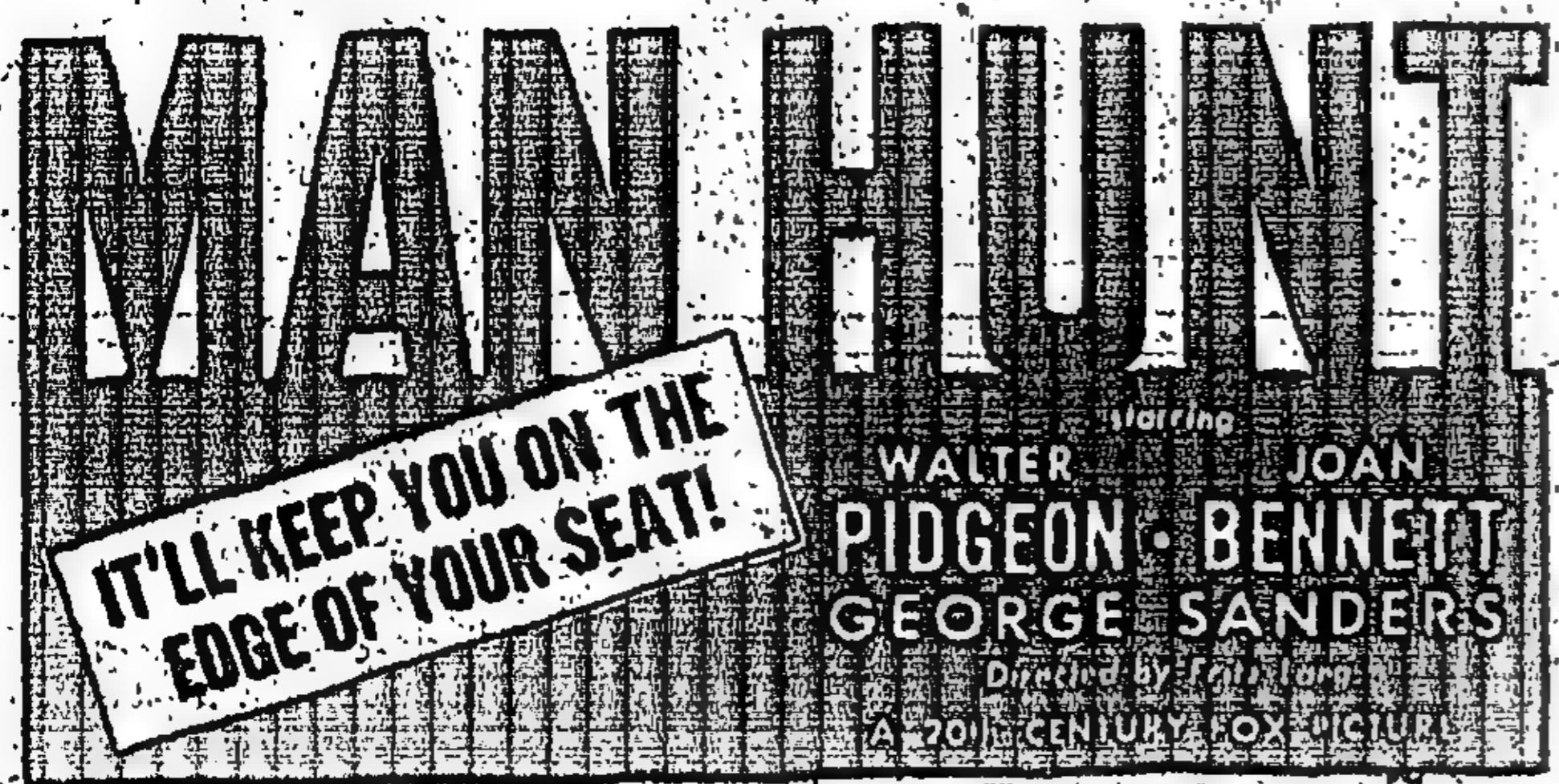
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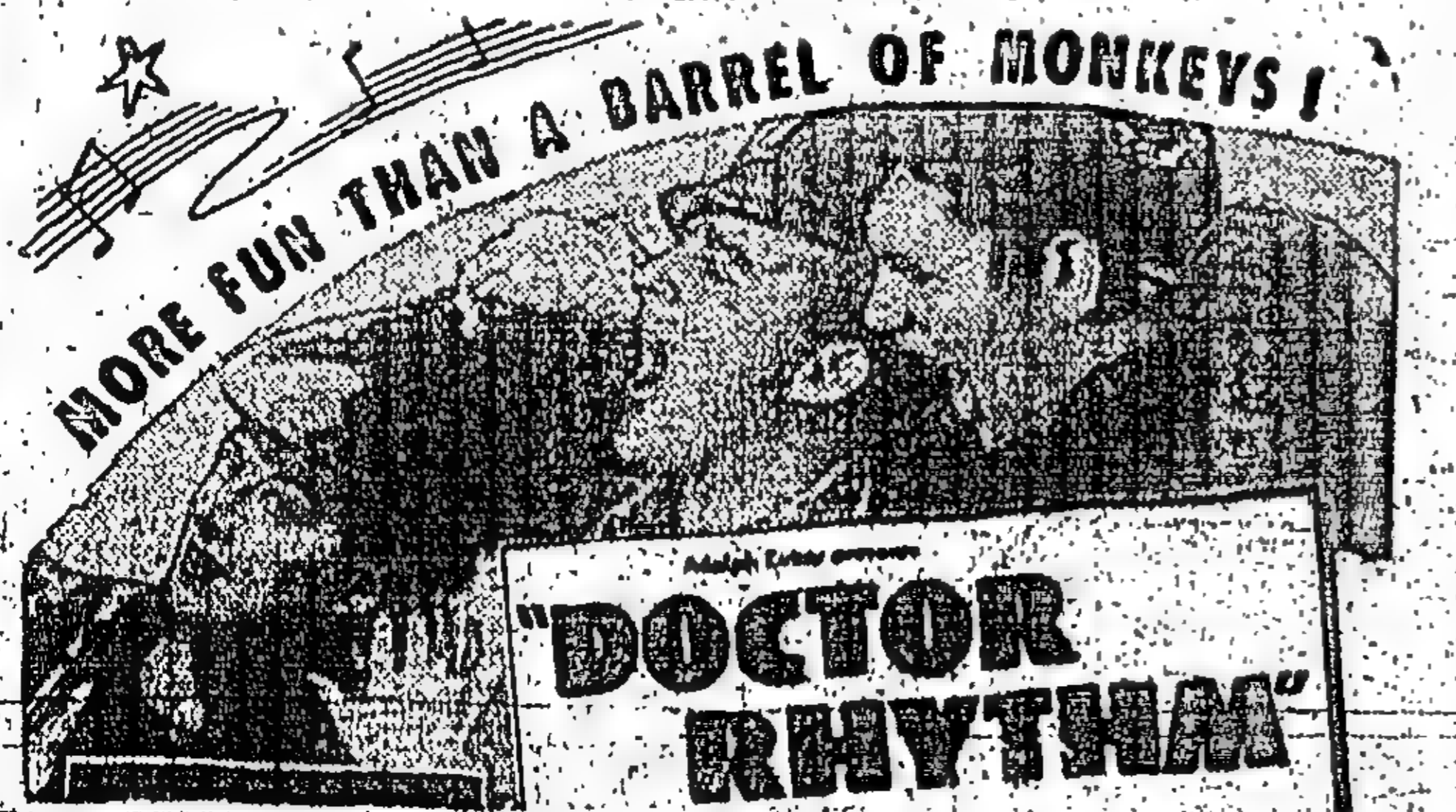
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# "BIG TEN" MAKE UP FREE FRENCH NATIONAL COMMITTEE

THE "BIG TEN," as the new Free French National Committee has already been termed, includes men who have seen wide and varied experience in the service of their country.

The Commissioner for War, General Gentilhomme, was the first French army chief openly to defy the Armistice and was a passenger in the "Empress of Britain" when she was bombed and sunk by German aircraft.

## CLARKE INCIDENT

### Nazis Behind Affair?

Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Tokyo, has taken up with the Japanese Government the matter of the disappearance of Mrs. Denzil Clarke, wife of the British Assistant Press Attache in Peiping, who is believed to have been kidnapped.

Representations have already been made to the local Japanese authorities in Peiping. IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE, STATES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, THAT THE GERMANS ARE AT THE BACK OF THIS OUTRAGE AS THEY WERE BEHIND THE WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF BRITISH SUBJECTS LAST YEAR.

It is extremely curious that whenever relations between Great Britain and Japan appear to be showing signs of improvement, some incident of this kind occurs to set them back.

The British Government hold the Japanese responsible for the disappearance of Mrs. Clarke as they are responsible for the maintenance of law and order in Peiping.—Reuter.

## "KNEW TOO MUCH"

SIGNOR SEBASTIANI, FORMER PERSONAL SECRETARY TO MUSSOLINI, HAS BEEN KILLED IN A FLYING ACCIDENT. ACCORDING TO A GENEVA REPORT TO THE OFFICIAL RUSSIAN NEWS AGENCY LAST NIGHT, The agency adds there are rumours in Rome that the accident was one in name only and that Sebastiani's death was really due to the fact that "he knew too much." — Reuter.

### SITSON MA RECITAL

The first of Professor Sitson Ma's violin recitals is to be given this evening at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel. The programme opens with Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major and ends with the performer's "Suliyuan" suite.

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He was formerly Governor of Djibouti and commanded the Anglo-French forces in Somaliland when France collapsed.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs is M. Maurice Dejean, who was Secretary to the French Embassy in Berlin for nine years.

At the outbreak of war he returned to Paris and became confidential secretary first to M. Daladier and then to M. Reynaud. Since his arrival in Britain he has been head of the Free French Diplomatic Service.

Vice-Admiral Muselier has commanded the Free French naval and air forces since July, 1940.

### Ex-Servicemen's Union

Professor Rene Cassin founded the French Union of Ex-Servicemen and has been Secretary of the Free French Empire Defence Council.

M. Andre Dethelm was Chef du Cabinet to M. Mandel, Minister of Interior, when France collapsed.

Captain Daragenlieu is a priest in civil life. During the Dakar incident last year he was instrumental in preventing the capture of General de Gaulle's envoys.

He recently toured Canada explaining the Free French movement to French-Canadians.

M. Hauck is the well-known Socialist journalist and propagandist.

M. Alphonse was Attache at the Vichy Embassy in Washington last year.

### Air Specialists

M. Rene Plevin served at the Air Ministry in Paris at the outbreak of war and afterwards was second in charge of the French air mission to the U.S.

Air Commodore Valin is a specialist in night flying. The French Government sent him to the Near East in 1935 and later to Brazil on a special mission. From there he came to Britain to join General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

## CHIEF OF U.S. AIR CORPS IN MIDDLE EAST

Major-General Brett, Chief of the U.S. Air Corps, accompanied by Lt. Col. Fellers, American Military Attache in Cairo, and other Staff officers, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday says a Reuter despatch.

## SHUTTLE AIR SERVICE TO MANILA

A SIKORSKY S-42 CLIPPER, WHICH PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS PLANS TO OPERATE TWICE WEEKLY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MANILA, IF PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, LEFT SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 23 EN ROUTE TO MANILA.

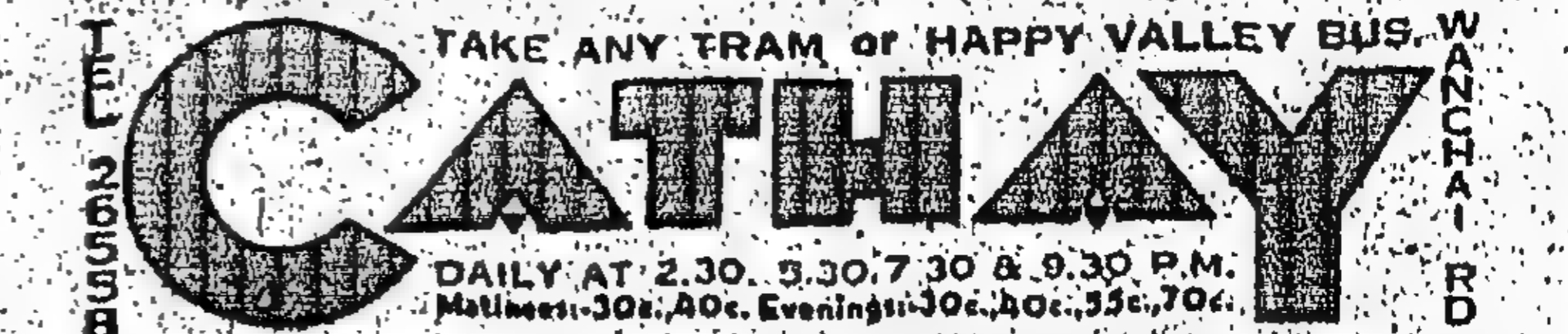
It is anticipated that the twice-weekly service will be operated between Hong Kong and Manila exclusively by the Sikorsky S-42 Clipper.

If plans are approved Pan American Airways will then divert all of the Boeing and Martin Clippers direct to Singapore.

This will give Singapore weekly service and Clippers will depart Singapore for Manila every Wednesday and depart Manila for the United States every Friday.

## SENTENCED TO DEATH

General de Gentilhomme, former Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Somaliland, who is now with the Free French, was sentenced to death in his absence by a court martial at Gannat yesterday. The court also ordered confiscation of his property.—Reuter.



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# Direct Hits On Vulnerable Spots

NEW EVIDENCE PROVING THE SUCCESS OF THE R.A.F.'S RECENT DAYLIGHT OFFENSIVES HAS BEEN SECURED BY RECONNAISSANCE, STATES THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON.

## SPITFIRES PROTECT SOVIET BOMBERS

R.A.F. fighters recently escorted Russian aircraft in several bombing operations, it was learned authoritatively in London yesterday.

No fighter opposition was encountered. — Reuter.

Sunday's attack on the electric power station and chemical works at Gosnay, near Bethune, was conspicuously successful.

A strong force of British fighters kept Messerschmitts away, enabling the British Blenheim bombers to make steady bombing runs over the great area of the works and almost at leisure direct bombs at the most important and vulnerable parts.

Power stations south-west of the boiler house received one and possibly two direct hits, while the north-east boiler house was also hit.

Other bombs burst on railway trucks. Several more fell along the south-west edge of the dynamo house and coal washing plant.

A coal conveyor and workshops were hit again and again. The chemical works received at least six direct hits while other bombs burst on the oil pipeline.

Finally, incendiaries fell right

among oil tanks, where they were likely to do as much harm as anywhere in the plant.

### Direct Hits

Hazebrugg's important railway yard, bombed last Saturday by Blenheims with a fighter escort, received high explosives just where they were most effective.

Several direct hits were scored at the point where railway trucks converge to form a bottleneck. A large engine shed and rolling-stock were also hit.

Much damage was also done on Saturday to the shipyards of the Ateliers et Chantiers de Normandie on the banks of the Seine at Grand Queville.

### On U-Boat Shelters

Bombs fell on the workshop forming the east and south boundaries of the shipyard. Other bombs burst on and near the oil tanks, some of which were wrecked in earlier attacks on these shipyards.

On this busy Saturday Blenheims also vigorously attacked Cherbourg docks.

One block of bombs burst on the submarine shelters, others bursting among harbour craft.

Apart from these attacks on targets which have become essential parts in the German war machine, bombers also made daylight raids during this busy weekend over the Norwegian, German and Dutch coasts. — Reuter.

## RUSSIANS TRAIN FOR BRITISH TANKS

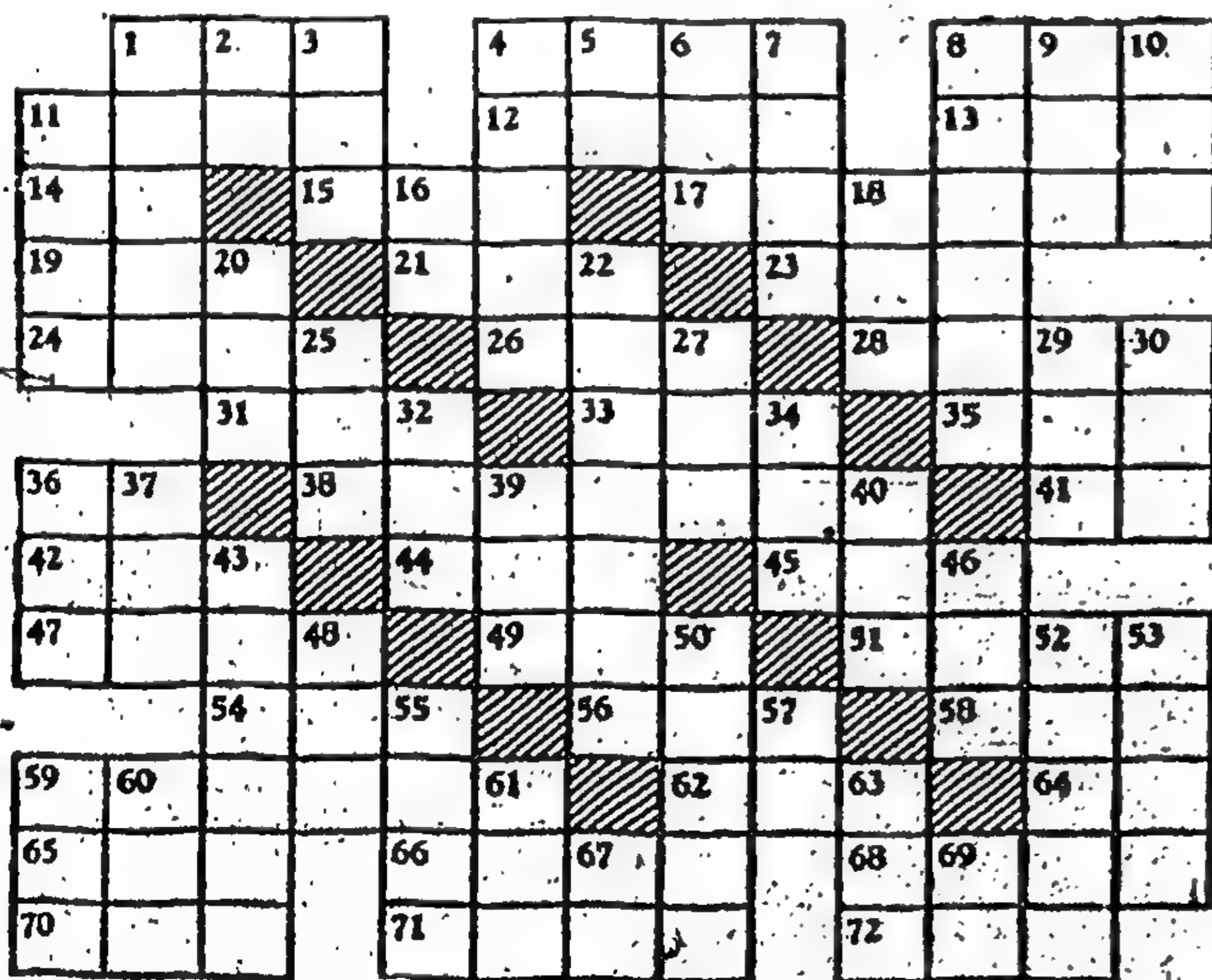
It is understood that the Russians are establishing schools for the training of crews for British tanks, and probably Russian military experts will visit Britain for tank instruction.

Tank production this week will create a record and it is Government's intention that the record production should be maintained.

The volume of tanks and munitions to be sent to Russia during the winter and spring of next year will be a high percentage of British production. Efforts are being made to speed up transport so that British supplies to Russia will arrive in the shortest possible time.

Railways and roads in the Middle East are being developed in order to take increased supplies from Britain to Russia. — Reuter.

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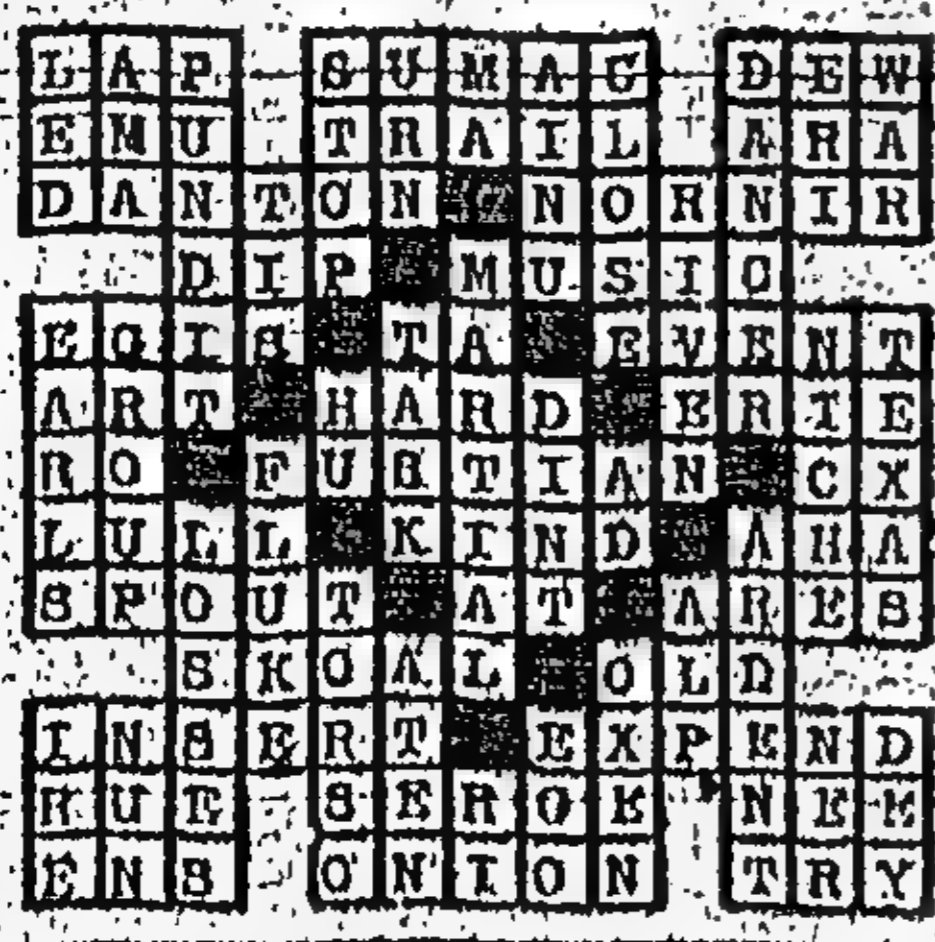
#### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Rotating piece
- 4 Insignificant trifle
- 8 Cry of sheep
- 11 Impolite
- 12 Egg-shaped
- 13 Archaic antiquity
- 14 Above
- 15 What for?
- 17 To clog with mud
- 19 To recline
- 21 Snake-like fish
- 23 Tropical fruit
- 24 To redact
- 25 To knock
- 26 Strong wind
- 31 Inlet
- 33 Nothing
- 35 Carpet
- 36 Symbol for iron
- 38 To reel
- 41 To depart
- 42 Sprit
- 44 Ontrichill bird
- 45 To silence
- 47 Ardour
- 48 Vast age
- 51 Healthy
- 54 Brazilian coin
- 55 To rend
- 56 To lasten

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Son of Venus
- 2 Paid notice
- 3 To cry like a cat
- 4 Lobby
- 5 Four
- 6 Scoundrel
- 7 Masculine name
- 8 Pauper

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# Not Merely A Flash In The Pan

THAT THIS WEEK'S apportioning of the British tank output to Russia is no mere "flash in the pan" effort is made clear in an authoritative statement yesterday to the effect that assistance will continue after this week and on an increased scale.

"More to follow" will be the slogan for the future.

Government has already planned for deliveries of tanks to Russia in increasing quantities over the next nine months and there are reserved plans in being for an extension of this aid programme to 18 months or two years.

Before long it is hoped British tanks will be on active service on the Russian front.

The sending of British technical staff to Russia and of a reciprocal delegation to Britain of Russian experts is at present under discussion in order that the Russian military authorities may get used to handling British types as quickly as possible.

The type of tank Britain is at present sending Russia follows the request of the Russian military authorities. This type is one which has a proved reliability and has been sufficiently long in production for spares to be available with delivery and can be easily handled by the Russian army.

Britain has already made a very substantial contribution to Russia in raw material and is committed to a much heavier monthly programme in munitions and materials.

## Heavy Sacrifice

At the present time there is being sent to Russia the maximum that can be got there by any system of transport now open.

It is pointed out that tanks sent from Britain must be equipped with guns and ammunition to make them usable, and the tanks sent will make a substantial call upon all armament production because the weapons will be of calibres for which no Russian ammunition is available.

We shall have to make the equivalent weapons and ammunition because of the difference in calibre.

It may be said that the number of tanks being sent to Russia constitutes a heavy sacrifice on the part of Britain. British Wireless.

## SYKES SENT TO PRISON

Elias Davies Sykes, 47, of No. 16, Battery Street, charged with obtaining money by using the names of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans and Mr. C. G. Perdue, Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police, was at Kowloon this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

This morning, Li Hing, waitress employed at the Sun Sur Hotel, testified that she had seen both Mr. Arpooz and the accused on many occasions in the hotel. She denied, in reply to the accused, that she had ever seen a lady in their company in the hotel on any occasion.

Det. Inspector R. Cunningham asked the Magistrate to take a very serious view of the case. Accused, he said, appeared to be a professional trickster.

Sykes, who admitted a previous conviction for a similar offence in January, requested the Magistrate to treat him leniently because he had a wife and several children.

## TRAFFIC FINES

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, Mr. E. L. Glegg, of No. 89, Waterloo Road, was fined \$10. Lt. J. A. Trutman, of the R. A. Mess, \$10, and Mr. Ng Chun-hueh, of No. 13, Cumberland Road, \$30 for breach of Traffic Regulations.

## STORY OF R.A.F. SECRET

The story of the formation of the R.A.F. Wing which has gone to Russia was told by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

The C.O. of a North of England station received a message a few weeks ago stating briefly that a new Wing was to be formed there and would proceed overseas at short notice. Though nobody at the station knew it at the time that marked the birth of the Wing that has gone to Russia and has already claimed seven Nazi fighters.

First of the Wing to arrive was the squadron leader, an official member of the City of Glasgow Auxiliary Squadron. He was followed by a stream of others. They came by bus and train from all parts of the country, some from squadrons already famous, some from operational training units or depots. None of them knew where they were going or what was in store for them.

First inkling came when equipment officers were ordered to issue every man in the Wing—ground crews and administrative officers alike—with the warm battle dress that normally is issued to flying personnel only.

## In Combat

Then, one August morning Wing Commander H. N. G. Ramsbottom-Isherwood, New Zealand leader of the Wing, gave orders to entrain. The journey to Russia had begun though none of the rank and file and few of the officers knew it.

Besides the leader from New Zealand there are Canadian, Australian, Scottish, Irish and, of course, English pilots in the Wing. One of the intelligence officers comes from Jamaica.

Many of the pilots have been in combat with the Luftwaffe in sweeps over occupied territory.

The entire personnel of the Wing arrived safely in Russia. British Wireless.

## ATTACKS ON SHIPPING

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS: "ON WEDNESDAY THE WEATHER WAS UNFAVOURABLE FOR AIR OPERATIONS BUT AIRCRAFT ON PATROL CONTINUED TO ATTACK ENEMY SHIPPING."

"Off the coast of Norway a Hudson aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed a large enemy supply ship from a low level and off Dunkirk a Hurricane aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked an enemy mine-sweeper with cannon and machine-gun fire."—Reuter.

## "FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO GROUSE"

"One of the things we are fighting for is the right to criticise and to tick off our own Government."

"It is one of the things we shall never give up—the right to grouse," Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal told a Welsh audience.

## ATTACK ON SIBERIA GUESS

A Japanese war with Russia is believed in Chinese circles in Chungking to be brought nearer by the German successes on the eastern front.

It is impossible to ascertain the number of Japanese troops massed in Manchukuo but well-informed Chinese opinion contends that the figure of 1,000,000, given in certain quarters, is somewhat high.

The Chinese military authorities in Chungking estimate total Japanese strength along the Russian border as between 500,000 and 800,000.

The same quarters place the total Soviet opposing strength at 600,000.—Reuter.

## WORK OF ANTI-T.B. CLINICS

A record number of patients was attended during August at the anti-T.B. Clinic at Tsimshatsui, which has just completed its first full year in active service.

The Clinic, which like that run by the Maryknoll Mission sister-doctors at Kowloon City, is organised by the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, handled 295 cases in August, made up of 202 re-visits and 93 new cases.

Of the 93 new cases, 61 were females, ranging in age from 67 to 5 years. Among other women patients were a dance hostess, a lady hairdresser, and an A.R.P. Warden.

The Tsimshatsui Clinic is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Dr. N. K. Law being in attendance on Thursdays and Dr. H. J. Shu, who is in general charge, on the two other days.

## Home Visits

The Kowloon City Clinic, at Kuk-Hang Tsun Road, dealt with 132 cases during the month, 43 of them being new. Eleven of the new cases were found on diagnosis to be positive T.B. Some of the patients came from the New Territories.

Sisters in charge of this clinic also pay visits to the homes of victims of the scourge—crowded noisy cubicles with inadequate space. "We see them try," writes Sister Maria Corazon, M. D., "to isolate themselves from the rest of the family but this often creates misunderstanding and increases expense, as a result there is often strained daily life."



## POLITICAL PARADOX

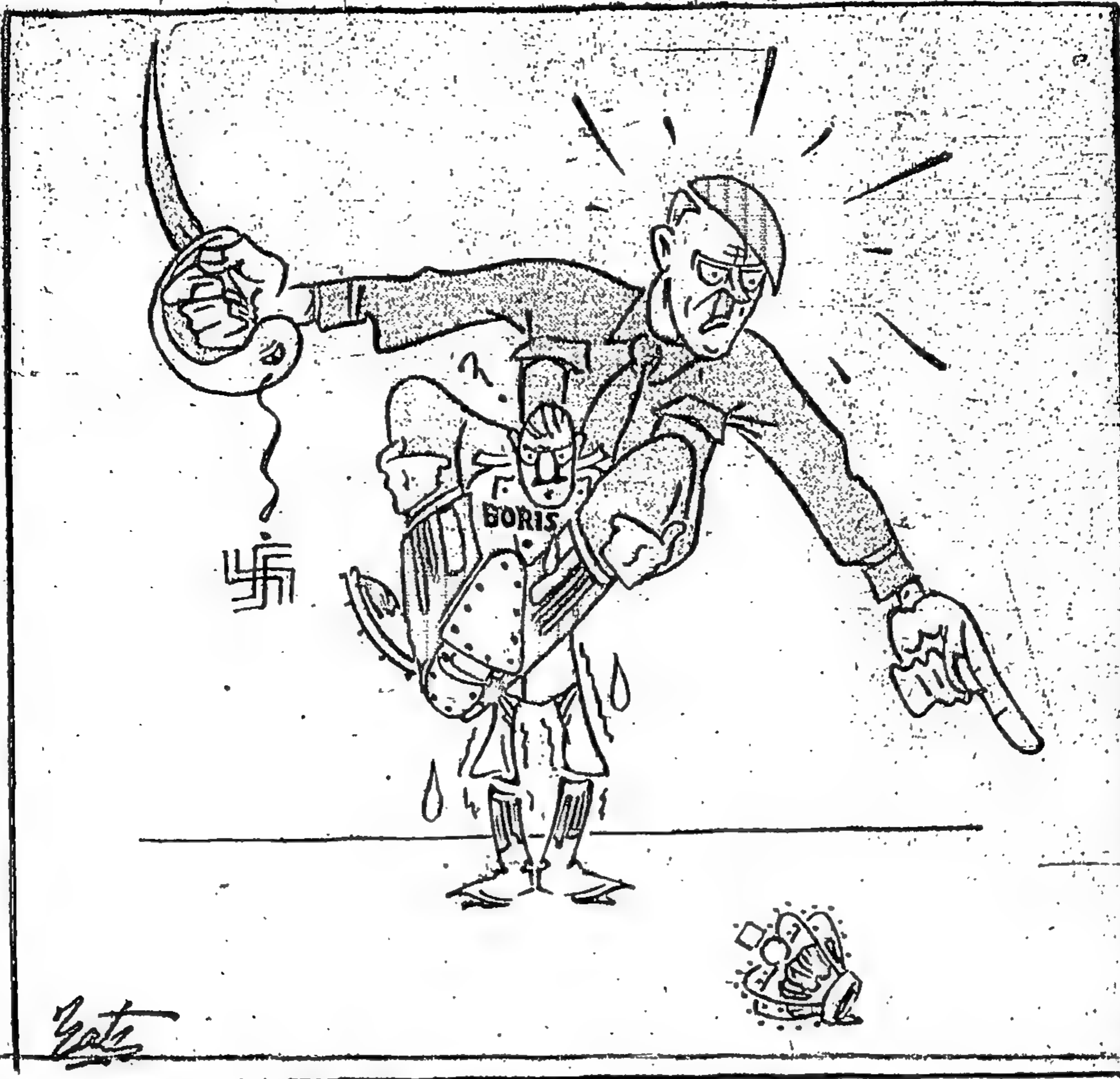
It is a curious paradox of political life that while Liberalism has grown stronger and stronger during the last twenty years, the Liberal Party has grown weaker and weaker. Its creed has become the creed of British democracy. A political faith which all the best minds of all parties either accepted or at least did not repudiate, afforded no basis for party strife, no rallying ground for party leaders, and ceased to gather big battalions for the conflict at Westminster.

The Labour Party had a more controversial case to put before the electors and won the suffrages of many who still believed in all that Liberals had stood for. Conservatism had broadened its platform and no longer questioned the fundamentals for which Liberals once had fought, and won the votes of many Liberal-minded men who distrusted the class-objectives of Socialists. A course in which all believe is one for which no one need fight — unless it is again called in question.

But Hitler has called it in question. The freedom at home—the right of free speech and thought, of political representation, of justice in the courts—for which Liberals fought in the past, has been denied by Hitler. Equally he has denied the political rights of other peoples, so strenuously asserted by Liberals in the nineteenth century.

Against this it is not only professed Liberals who are fighting, but all Britain. Mr. Winston Churchill has expressed his hope that in the years of reconstruction unity may be preserved. Is there not a possibility that those who have persisted in their cultivation of avowedly Liberal doctrines may regain some of their ascendancy in the State, and express their distinctive beliefs not on behalf of themselves alone, but on behalf of democracy?

There are attributes of the finer essence in the Liberal tradition which will be needed when the war is over—insight into the inner meaning of democracy which will enable nations not merely to reap the obvious fruits of victory, but also, as Lord Meston at the recent Liberal Party conference suggested, to "guard their hearts against the bitterness which clamours for in-



"NO AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS."

# R.A.F.'s Amazing Aircraft

The R.A.F.'s "policy of perfection" sometimes earned criticism from foreign experts—before the real air fighting started. To compete with Nazi mass-production, they said, British standards of design, materials and construction, the highest in the world, should be lowered in favour of sheer numbers.

But the thousands of air battles which have raged since—with their many-to-one ratio in favour of the R.A.F.—have proved the British policy to be right.

Now we read daily of how enemy planes "disintegrate," "fall apart" and "fly to bits" after a brief burst of multiple machine-gun fire or a hit by a single cannon-shell. But we also read how British planes have flown hundreds of miles home to their bases after damage which would have "disintegrated" any enemy plane.

For instance . . . A heavy British bomber was making its run over a Cologne railway yard when a chance A.A. shell exploded immediately in front of its nose. The blast blew in the front turret, and an unlucky splinter set off a powerful flare "bomb" inside the fuselage.

There was a "terrific explosion inside," to quote the pilot, which wrecked the fuselage, blew off both doors, and tore a great hole ten feet long and about three feet wide in the side. At the same time fires began to blaze near a main petrol tank. By all rights the plane should have broken up at once. But, despite the great gash in its main framework, it carried on, just "wallowing a bit" because the whole body was twisted.

The fire extinguished, "we carried on and dropped our bombs, since we hadn't made the journey for fun." Then, against an 80 m.p.h. head wind, the crippled plane began a five-hour flight home to its base. Within a few days the plane was repaired and flying again.

Almost incredible, this story, but typical of many which have proved the value of the "perfection" policy.

Another big bomber, a Whit-

ley, was so badly shot-up by A.A. fire that the port wing was almost stripped of covering. Nearly two-thirds of its upper covering was blown off, exposing the skeleton of the wing, and nearly one-half of the lower covering. Again, by every law of flying, the plane should have gone into an uncontrollable spin and crashed. Yet, somehow, it flew some hundreds of miles home. To fight again a few days later.

A Hurricane, after downing a Nazi Me. 109 over the Channel, was suddenly attacked with cannon and machine-guns from the

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rear. Bullets pierced the pilot's shoulder, closed one eye. Explosive shells killed his engine, and tore great pieces from his wings and tail, so that jagged sheets of metal stood out from the wings, the rudder was three-quarters skeleton only, and one tail wing was only a third covered. Yet this "flying Maypole" managed to glide across 20 miles of sea to a safe landing in England.

No Messerschmitt with such damage could even have retained control.

Despite their speed the British fighters are incredibly sturdy. One fighter pilot, chasing a heavy bomber, ran out of ammunition. Refusing to lose his prey, he edged up until his port wing lay just about the bomber's massive tail wing.

The pilot waggled his control column, and the Hurricane's wing slapped down hard and repeatedly on the enemy's tail, knocking it clean off, and sending the bomber down to crash. The Hurricane landed almost undamaged.

Twin-engined planes are intended to keep aloft on one engine, but only for a short flight to the nearest emergency landing ground, for the remaining engine must be run dangerously "all out." But there have been many

cases of British bombers flying hundreds of miles home across enemy country and the sea, on one engine. Thanks to their superb materials and workmanship R.A.F. engines can go all-out for several hours with so little risk that our crews have several times decided to cross nearly 200 miles of open sea, with one dead engine and rudder hard on, rather than land or jump to safe capture or internment in enemy or neutral country.

Hundreds of stories could be told of British planes returning safely with great holes blasted in wings and fuselage of Wellington bombers, whose unique "basket-work" skeleton enables them to withstand direct hits which would wreck any Nazi plane reaching home with one engine dangling below, the wing—or of raging fires aloft and thousands of rounds of ammunition exploding without fatal effect.

But instead one should put in a word for the tireless workers of the Salvage Section of Maintenance Command and for the civilian workers who aid them in rushing repairs on our damaged machines. Praise for the men and women who made the planes should also not be stinted.

So efficient are these two organisations that, even at the very height of the autumn Battle of London, the rate of repairs was faster than that of casualties. One of our new planes returned recently so badly damaged, with great holes blasted in wings and tail, that it was at times out of control. Yet 48 hours after it staggered to a landing, the plane was repaired, completely overhauled, and in action again.

Britain's "hand-made" planes require more man-hours of manufacture per plane than the Nazis', but this is offset by the fact that a far larger proportion of her total fleet is in fighting form at any one time. This, as well as their resistance to punishment, is another argument in favour of quality before quantity.

Britain scores over Germany in yet another point. Goering began to build his Luftwaffe just about two years too soon, so that a large part of his fleet is out-of-date. Great aeronautical developments were taking place at about this time, so that the later R.A.F. planes are technically far ahead.

The Nazis have tried to even things up with hasty improvisation. By sticking armour on here, clumsy gun turrets there, heavier engines in planes meant for lighter ones. Even to-day they are still producing many of the types they had before the

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known as a Tenders Board here and all tenders are submitted to them? — Yes.

### A.R.P. Stores

Has that always been followed in practice? — Always as far as stores are concerned.

Has that always been followed in practice as far as the A.R.P. Department is concerned? — In my knowledge I cannot say that all stores not purchased through me have been submitted to the Tenders Board.

As a member of the Tenders Board do you know whether there has been any tender for stores in connection with A.R.P. work that has not been submitted to the Tenders Board? — Yes, I do.

Can you give an instance or instances? — The only tenders that I know called for by A.R.P. stores not submitted to the Tenders Board were those for which I believe approval was given by the Government.

Which Government are you talking about? — Sir Geoffrey Northcote's and also General Norton's.

### Power To Override

I take it that the Governor has power to override the Board? — I don't know what to say.

Do you know about the purchases of picks and shovels for A.R.P.? — I do.

Mr. Anderson said that at the request of the D.A.R.P. tenders were issued for the supply of 10,000 pick-axes and 10,000 shovels.

The Chairman: When was that? — In December, 1940.

Mr. Anderson added that the tender from the Diaward Steel Works was accepted at \$1.80 a piece. A sample was tested by the P.W.D. and found satisfactory and as a result the tender was approved and accepted by the Tenders Board.

Another request for 10,000 pick-axes and 10,000 shovels by the D.A.R.P. was received in March 1941, and tenders were called for and received from the Diaward Steel Works, Jardine's, Dodwell's and Lacon and Company.

### Passed To D.A.R.P.

Mr. Anderson continued that these tenders were passed to the D.A.R.P. for recommendation. He, on the advice of the P.W.D. recommended that the most satisfactory pick-axes and shovels were those tendered for by Jardine's, Dodwell's and Lacon and Company. These firms tendered the same price and the D.A.R.P. recommended the tenders to the Tenders Board.

Mr. Anderson added that he was requested by the Financial Secretary to enquire into the prices since the three firms tendered for goods manufactured by the Chiap Hua Manufactory.

Chairman: On the advice of the P.W.D. these tenders were recommended although the prices were higher than those tendered by the Diaward Steel Works? — Yes.

Mr. Anderson added that the P.W.D. advised further that the number of pick-axes and shovels should be increased from 10,000 to 15,000 in each case.

### Visit To Chiap Hua

Continuing, Mr. Anderson said he went to the Chiap Hua Manufactory's office and interviewed the representative. He asked the representative why his company did not tender for the pick-axes and shovels.

Chairman: Whom did you see? — To the best of my knowledge I saw Mr. B. C. Lam. He replied that his company had to wait six weeks for payment of a previous order by Government. Since his company had very little liquid money to meet overhead expenses his company had asked other firms to tender on his behalf. I assured them that the Stores would take delivery and pay within three days. Mr. Lam was satisfied and prepared to quote a revised price. I reported the result of my interview to the Tenders Board.

Mr. Anderson said that the point was raised whether it was necessary to increase the number of pick-axes and shovels from 10,000 to 15,000 since the Tenders Board through the recommendation of the technical expert of the P.W.D. had approved of a tender for 10,000 only, and the request for the additional 5,000 was referred back to the D.P.W. and D.A.R.P.

### Trench Protection

The D.P.W. Mr. Anderson went on, replied that the increase in

number had nothing to do with the parcelling out of the order to three firms. The pick-axes and shovels were needed for people in dispersal areas to provide trench protection and it was impossible in the D.P.W.'s view to ask Government for such assistance. The D.P.W. said that the number was on the basis of one pick-axe and one shovel to each unit of 10 persons. The D.A.R.P. expressed an opinion that the 10,000 pick-axes and 10,000 shovels was not adequate on the basis of one pick-axe and one shovel for every 10 persons. Thus, an additional 5,000 pick-axes and 5,000 shovels was strongly recommended by the D.A.R.P. and on his advice to the Chairman of the Tenders Board, Chiap Hua Manufactory was allotted the additional 5,000 pick-axes and 5,000 shovels.

Mr. Anderson continued that he received another request for 750 pick-axes, 1,000 shovels, 250 pick-axes and shovels and 200 crowbars. Tenders were called for and passed to the D.A.R.P. who recommended the tenders for 750 pick-axes and 1,000 shovels received from the Diaward Steel Works.

The tender for 250 pick-axes and 200 crowbars, said Mr. Anderson, went to Chiap Hua Manufactory, whose tender was the lowest.

### Hurricane Lamps

Chairman: Do you know anything about the purchases of hurricane lamps? — In March, 1941, the D.A.R.P. requested an estimate of the cost of hurricane lamps and tenders were called for from Lacon and Company, Man Cheung and Wing Ching.

Were the tenders advertised? — No. They were sent to all firms on our registered list.

Mr. Anderson continued that while the tenders were out the question arose of supplying all departments with hurricane lamps and it was decided to hold over action on the original A.R.P. requirements to make up an estimate of all requirements for all departments.

Mr. Anderson went on to say that on May 22 a representative from the Chiap Hua Manufactory called on his assistant, Mr. W. F. Kerr, and informed him he knew that the Stores Department were calling for tenders for the supply of hurricane lamps.

Chairman: Do you know where he got his information from? — I have no idea how he knew.

Mr. Anderson continued that in reply to his assistant, the representative said he had been to the A.R.P. Department office, where he received the information. The same day Chiap Hua submitted a quotation for hurricane lamps, type 222 at \$1.50 each, type 133 at \$1.35 each.

What was the price from the three firms? — I don't remember. Were they higher or lower? — Between \$1.50 and \$1.35.

### Gave Reasons

Did the D.A.R.P. later tell you that all quotations should be sent to him? — Yes, and gave reasons. So the Stores Department sent them to him? — Yes.

Also the Chiap Hua quotation? — Yes.

Did the D.A.R.P. report, that hurricane lamps had been inspected by the Tunnel committee and because of the size and fire-proof quality, No. 333 was most suitable? — Yes. I suggested that on other items the lowest price should be accepted. The tender was \$1.15.

What was the tender of Lacon? — \$1.32; Chiap Hua had reduced theirs to \$1.15. The price of \$1.15 was approved by Government and I take it the reason for acceptance was given by the D.A.R.P. as that the type was most suitable.

Chairman: I think you know of the purchases of galvanised iron buckets for A.R.P. Services? — Yes.

Is it correct that on March 18, the D.A.R.P. asked you to place an order? — No.

To ask for tender? — Yes. You did not advertise? — No. We wrote to the six firms on the list and tenders were received from all six firms.

Were the samples sent to the A.R.P.? — Yes, and the tender of Chiap Hua was accepted.

### Better One

I consulted the chief mechanical engineer of the Railway Department and asked him if he could make the buckets. He replied that if he had a sample he might be able. He later reported that he was able to make a better one than Chiap Hua and cheaper.

Cheaper than the price tendered to the D.A.R.P.? — Yes.

Tell me, Mr. Anderson, if Railway Department recommended the acceptance of the tender and were able later to make better and cheaper buckets? — I can't say.

Chairman: The net result was that 8,000 were made and supplied cheaper by the Railway Department? — Yes.

Now how about steel helmets purchased for A.R.P.? — I was directed by the D.A.R.P. to ask for quotations and this was approved in July, 1940, at \$4.80 from Chiap Hua, the manufacturers. For the next order, I was again requested by the D.A.R.P. that was in August, to obtain a quotation for 2,000. There was only one tender, from Jardine Matheson at \$4.80.

The tender was submitted to the D.A.R.P. and was recommended to and approved by Government.

Chairman: On November 25, you were requested to obtain tenders for 3,000? — Yes, only two firms, quoted, Jardine Matheson on behalf of Chiap Hua and Diaward Steel Co. Jardine's had two quotations, one at \$4.50 and the other at \$4.80.

### Order Increased

The other was at \$4.00 each. The tenders were submitted to the D.A.R.P. who recommended Jardine Matheson's at \$4.80 as the only satisfactory helmet submitted. Later the order was increased from 3,000 to 7,000 and the D.A.R.P. told me that in his opinion it might be worth while to see the tenderers, and owing to the large amount, a reduction might be made. Jardine's agreed to reduce 10 cents.

Chairman: The position was that instead of 3,000 at \$4.80 we now have 7,000 at \$4.70. What happened? — The order was approved and given to Jardine Matheson at \$4.70.

Did the D.A.R.P. request you to ask for tenders for another 6,000 in February 1941? — Yes, two tenders were received, one from Jardine's at \$4.65 and the other from the Diaward Steel Co. at a lower price.

Do you remember the price? — I don't now, but can make enquiries and let you know.

Were they passed to the D.A.R.P.? — Yes, both were passed to the D.A.R.P. who recommended Jardine's because they were better and delivery could be made within three weeks, and the other helmet would take 14 days to be tested.

### "Without Testing"

Chairman: The position is this, that without testing the helmet, the D.A.R.P. accepted Jardine's tender. You desired that a report be made on why the Diaward tender was not accepted? — Yes, the D.A.R.P. said that the helmets were urgently needed and Jardine's could deliver in three weeks against Diaward's seven weeks and time would be taken in testing their helmet. He also said that seven weeks even with the test, was a step he would hesitate to take and requested me to point this out to the Tender Board. I did so.

The D.A.R.P. had verbally said Diaward's helmet was not so satisfactory as Jardine's.

Chairman: Did he say if he had tested Diaward's helmet? — No, sir, he said that in his opinion and from personal observation, it was inferior.

As the result of this, Government approved the order at \$4.65? — Yes.

Was the Chiap Hua helmet ever tested before the first order? — I know that the D.A.R.P. told me that he had tested one.

### Cheapest Tender

What happened next? — On July 18 the D.A.R.P. requested me to get tenders for 6,500 helmets and tenders were received from three firms. The cheapest tender was sent to the D.A.R.P. The D.A.R.P. later told me that the Chiap Hua tender was recommended in view of the fact that the helmet had been tested by Army authorities and came as near as possible to requirements and delivery could be made in 14 days.

Chairman: The position was Chiap Hua's tender for 6,500 helmets was 10 cents lower than the others? — Yes.

And do you know that after that an additional 2,000 were ordered? — So far we accepted the order for 6,500.

Where you informed when the increase was made? — Yes.

How long after July 18? — I can't say.

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Shortly after? — Yes.  
Chairman — Am I right in saying that on July 18 three firms were asked to quote for 6,500 helmets and one firm quoted at 10 cents less and none of them knew that another order for 2,000 would be forthcoming? — Yes.

You did not know that all these helmets would be required and that had all been ordered at once, the price by tender would be reduced? — No.

### Certain Defects

How did you first come to hear of the project?—Because it was decided by Government that when the A.R.P. store was completed it would be handed over to my Department. As a result of this decision we carried out inspections from time to time, and as a result of these inspections it became apparent to me that there were certain defects which, in my opinion, should be remembered.

Asked by the Chairman, whether the Government architects in this connection were Messrs. Leigh and Orange, witness answered in the affirmative.

What did you do then?—The first complaint I made was about the windows. The store was first designed for air conditioning and as such had sealed windows.

Witness went on to say, that due to the fact that the air conditioning plant had not arrived, coupled with the fact that the windows were sealed with glass blocks, conditions prevailing were far from satisfactory.

### Not Fit Place

Continuing, witness said, "In an inspection I made in 1940, I informed the Director of Air Raid Precautions that I was much concerned with the ventilation as the air conditioning plant had not arrived," adding that in his opinion the store was not a fit place for the storage of goods, which would be affected by heat and damp.

"Early in May, 1940, the D.A.R.P. visited the Stores and subsequently exchanged minutes. The D.A.R.P. informed me on May 8, 1940, that as a result of his visit to the Stores he was anxious regarding the storage of protective clothing on the second floor. He drew my attention to the fact that there was no ventilation in the room and he was convinced that unless the boxes were moved at once the contents would be one solid mass. He suggested that the stores should be moved to the top floor which, he said, in his opinion was a cooler place."

Witness went on to say that the D.A.R.P. also told him that failing other arrangements for the storage of these goods, the only alternative was to ask the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank if they would store the boxes in one of their air-conditioned rooms, but even then, he said, this would not be satisfactory.

### Shared Anxiety

"On May 10, 1940, I replied to the D.A.R.P. that I shared his anxiety. I said I was aware of the lack of light and ventilation in the A.R.P. Stores and that the air inside was oppressive, that the place was not suitable without an air-conditioning plant unless measures were taken immediately to instal steel-framed windows which could be opened. I agreed to the removal of the boxes to the top floor but said that I would have to be supplied with coolies and packing, etc."

"Mr. Mackintosh of Messrs. Leigh and Orange, whom I had approached, informed me that the load limit of the lifting tackle was 50 lbs. per square foot and I suggested that a steel bar be put on the roof."

(Military Commentary By "Annalist")  
NEWS FROM THE EASTERN BATTLE FRONT IS AGAIN CONFUSED AND CONFLICTING. ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES SPEAK OF HEAVY FIGHTING AT LENINGRAD AND ODESSA, AT NEITHER OF THESE BASTIONS OF SOVIET RESISTANCE DO THE GERMANS APPEAR TO HAVE MADE ANY HEADWAY.

The Germans now assert that the reduction of Leningrad is a matter of two or three days but they have made similar claims on previous occasions, probably with as much justification.

Witness went on to say that the D.A.R.P. sought and obtained approval from Government to instal metal-framed windows.

Chairman: I take it the original idea was to provide the Store with an air-conditioning plant?—Yes.

Has this plant been installed yet?—Yes.

Is it functioning now?—It will be within the next few days.

### Added Expense

Witness agreed with the Chairman that due to the non-arrival of the plant Government had to go to the added expense of installing steel-frame windows when the original idea was to have air-conditioning in the Store.

Chairman: Do you know when the air-conditioning plant was ordered?—To the best of my recollection in July, 1941.

Then it was ordered after the building had been completed?—Yes.

Can you tell us why?—I understand there were technical difficulties.

So the result is a store was built by Government for the needs of storing various A.R.P. materials which required air-conditioning and that the store was completed without the plant?—Yes.

Do you know how Leigh and Orange happened to become architects for this undertaking?—No, sir.

The Chairman then asked witness whether there had been any occasion when it was necessary to move the stores.

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Certainly there is no sign of any weakening of confidence in the tone of the Russian communiques, and independent news messages from Leningrad.

The population, men and women, seem to be animated with an unbreakable spirit that has more than matched the ruthless ardour of the Nazi assailants.

In the central sector, the fighting seems more stabilised, with the initiative with the Soviet in local counter-attacks which gain some ground and inflict heavy losses.

### Crimea Offensive

In the south, reports have reached London suggesting that the Germans are launching a fairly heavy offensive against the Crimea.

Four divisions are reported to have been allotted this task, that is about 70,000 men, but if the Russian defence is on the scale of other parts of the front the Germans will find them none too many.

Strong defence lines on the Isthmus, sailors from the Sebastopol naval base, who are known to be tough fighting men, and aircraft from the naval air base in the Crimea, will all contribute to the defence.

### Second Crete?

If the Germans use parachutists and air-borne troops, as in Crete, they must face the fact that the defenders of the Crimea are more numerous than those of Crete, even allowing for the Crimea being three times the size. — Reuter.

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4201	Chatham Road and Gilles Avenue between San Wai Street and Pak Kung Street, Hok Tin.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 37,800	\$994
									\$28,350

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Island Lot No. 6244	Wang Nei Chung Gap Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,200	\$174
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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920.)

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

## CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

NO. 62

## By The Four Aces

To-day's crime will seem perfectly legal and above-board to rubber bridge players, but tournament players will spot it right away. If you are reading about the national championships being held this week at Asbury Park, N.J., it will give you a better understanding of the problems of tournament play.

South, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

## NORTH

♠ Q 10 6 2  
♥ K J  
♦ A Q J 6 5  
♣ K Q

## WEST

♠ 9 4  
♥ 7 6 5 4  
♦ 9 8 7  
♣ 10 9 8 2

## EAST

♠ 8 3  
♥ 9 8 3 2  
♦ 4 3 2  
♣ 7 6 4 3

## SOUTH

♠ A K J 7 5  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ K 10  
♣ A J 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ten of clubs, and South looked the hand over a second or two. Then he joyfully spread his hand and claimed thirteen tricks. His partner took a look around the room in which the tournament was being held and said "Don't crow so loud. We have a bad result on this hand!" Apparently somebody had committed a crime. If you've ever played in a tournament you ought to be able to spot it right away. If not, read on.

South was the criminal for failing to bid seven no-trump! It should have been perfectly obvious to him that either seven no-trump or seven spades ought to be a complete lay-down if his partner had a legitimate jump takeout.

Seven no-trump would have scored 2220 instead of 2210 points. That may seem like a trifling difference, but it is just as important in tournament play as a difference of several hundred points on some other hand. The reason is that the same cards are played at many different tables in a tournament, and the players are ranked according to what they do with identical cards. The system of scoring makes it just as much a blunder to overlook 10

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Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 7 3  
♥ K Q 9 7 4  
♦ Q 5  
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schenker	Kon	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	(?)	Pass	Pass

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. This is the normal bid to show your second suit.

Score 100% for two hearts, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 831

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenker	Kon	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	(?)	Pass	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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By ED REED



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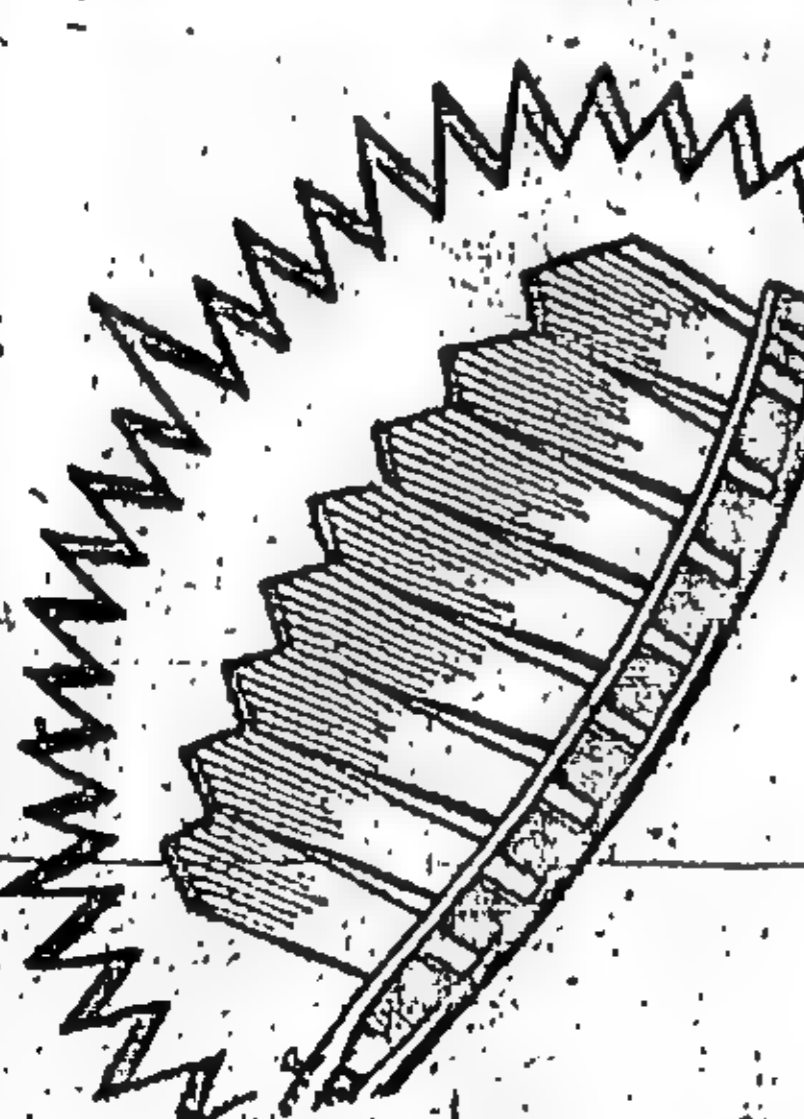
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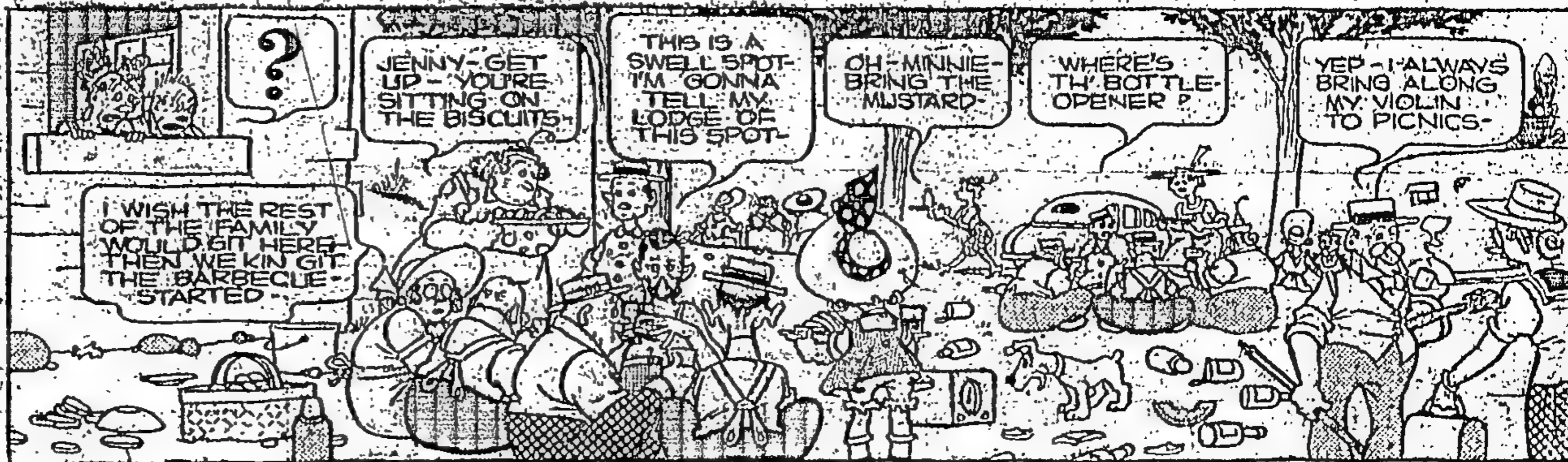
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Young organisations of all countries and of all religious beliefs and political outlooks are invited in an announcement from the Soviet Embassy in London to take part in an anti-fascism meeting to be broadcast from Moscow next Sunday.

The meeting will comprise workers in factories and plants, fighters of the Red Army, students, officers, workers, scientists and artists.

For all those, adds the statement, to whom the honour, liberty and independence of their native land is dear, there is only one path of struggle against Nazism and the destruction of Hitlerite Germany.—British Wireless.

**HEAVY JAPANESE  
LOSSES IN HUNAN**

Heavy casualties have compelled the Japanese to pour in more troops to support their six columns in northern Hunan, latest field dispatches disclosed. The second, third and fourth columns at Wukow, Wusungshih and Huin-shih on the south bank of the Milo River have been increased by 20,000 and started southward thrusts simultaneously two days ago. However, all the enemy units are held by the Chinese.—Central News.

**EXPULSION ORDER**

Eight Filipino dockyard labourers were ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for stowing away, and as vagrants.

Pedro Gales, 35; Noses Ricauerete, 18; Josi Reyes, 18; Jofronio Moreno, 17; Josi Ruiz, 30; Guan Guerde, 25; Josi Vargas, 17; and Pelagio Galand, 24; were ordered to the House of Detention, pending arrangements for their return to Manila.

**POLICE ROOMBOY  
CONVICTED**

Pleading guilty to stealing and to unlawful pawning of articles belonging to Sergeants Campbell, Johnston and Ross, while employed as a room boy at the Mongkok Police Station, Yip Ying, 20, was fined \$50 or 100 days' hard labour, by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

**TOISHAN ATTACK**

The Japanese column from Kongmoon and Sunwui has reached the vicinity of Tangshuihou. Another Japanese unit going up river is also nearing the town.

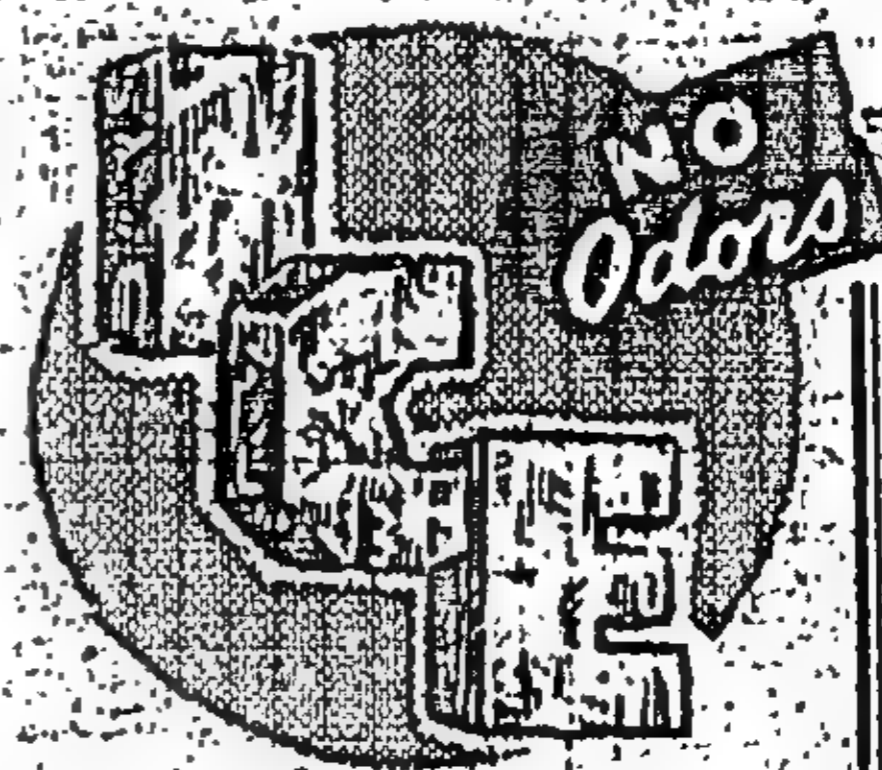
Fighting is in progress to the east of Tangshuihou, north of Toishan.—Central News.

**A.R.P. TUNNEL THEFT**

Cheung Miu, 22, was fined \$50, or six weeks' by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing 36 feet of iron pipe, from No. 10 A.R.P. Tunnel Kennedy Road, yesterday.

**CAUTIONED**

Mr. J. C. Jenner, of the Imports and Exports Department, was cautioned at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving an unlicensed car in Sports Road, Happy Valley, on August 1.

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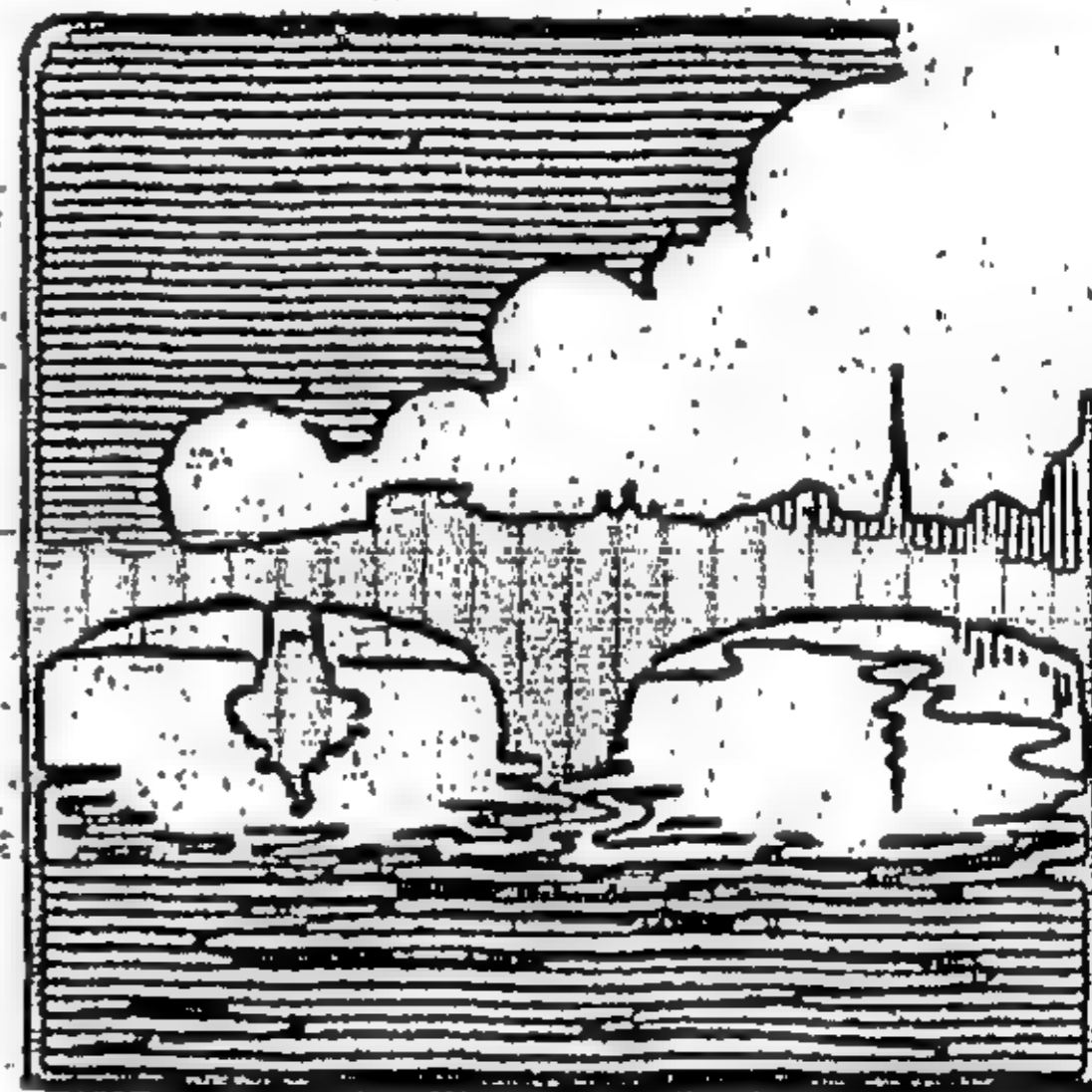
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# FIFTEEN CLUBS ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN CRICKET LEAGUE

Cricketers will welcome the decision made at the meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League last evening to take full advantage of daylight saving time, as a result of which there will be longer hours of play in both League and friendly games this season.

## AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS DO WELL

IN A FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY NAVAL YARD POLICE BEAT H.M.S. TAMAR BY THREE WICKETS. FEATURES OF THE GAME BEING THE BOWLING OF COLBERT (4 FOR 14) AND THE BATTING OF BURNS (41). BOTH OF POLICE.

Colbert and Burns are two of the Australian recruits for the Dockyard Police who arrived here recently.

Tamar batted first, but against Colbert, Willard (2 for 16) and McGrath (2 for 12) could only muster 65. Bignall played an invaluable innings for 26, and during his stay at the wicket saw the whole of his side's total scored, for after he was out the remaining wickets fell without addition to the score. He went in at the fall of the second wicket and was seventh out, Tamar being one short.

Burns, who opened the innings for Police, made 41 before retiring, when the total stood at 61.

He hit only two fours, being very restrained. Roughley, the Navy footballer, was most successful of the bowlers tried by Tamar, having 3 for 15.

H.M.S. TAMAR				
Williams, b Colbert	0			
Roughley, b Willard	0			
Britton, c Moore, b Willard	0			
Bignall, c Moore, b Laben	26			
Ireland, b McGrath	1			
Bainborough, b McGrath	0			
Parlette, b Colbert	26			
Benson, b Colbert	1			
Parries, not out	0			
Barton, b Colbert	0			
Extras	2			

Total (for 9 wks.) 65

One man absent.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	W.	R.
Colbert	7	3	14	4
Willard	4	0	16	2
McGrath	3	0	12	2
Smith	3	0	6	0
Laben	3	0	15	1

R.N.Y. POLICE				
Breese, b Roughley	2			
R. Burns, retired	41			
Moore, retired	13			
Laben, b Parlette	3			
L. Colbert, b Roughley	2			
Smith, b Roughley	0			
McGrath, b.w., b Benson	0			
Bellamy, b Williams	3			
Hulme, not out	4			
Extras	3			

Total (for 8 wks.) 71

Willard and Nicholls did not bat.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	W.	R.
Williams	8	0	25	1
Barton	7	2	10	0
Roughley	7	3	15	3
Parries	2	0	8	0
Parlette	3	0	8	1
Benson	1	0	2	1

## CRICKET THIS WEEK-END

Hong Kong Cricket Club are holding a trial at Chater Road to-morrow, while University meet Central British Association in a friendly match at Pokfulam.

C.B.A. will be represented by: N. Whitley, N. Booker, K. M. Baxter, W. Mulcahy, N. L. Smith, J. Mitchell, T. Lockhart, D. Parsons, T. Sulter, C. Semmelman and A. N. Other.

Police Recreation Club will entertain Royal Naval Dockyard Police in a friendly cricket match at Civil Service Cricket Club on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.

The Police team will be selected from:

B. C. Fay, G. Wright-Nooth, A. Kirby, J. Shepherd, A. E. Carey, C. Pope, J. F. Forrest, W. L. Clarke, R. White, H. Loughlin, J. Hayward, H. Tyler and E. Salter. Reserves: K. J. Douche, J. R. H. Clements and C. A. A. Nicol.

It was decided that, while times for starting during the months of October, November, December, March and April will remain as hitherto at 2 p.m., matches in January and February will commence at 1.45 p.m., while the extra half-hour of daylight will be added to the old times for drawing stumps, making it 6.45 p.m. for October, February, March and April, 6.30 p.m. for November and January, and 6.15 p.m. for December.

It was also decided that League matches will be played during the months of January and February, and representatives of clubs present at the meeting were invited to arrange friendly matches up to December, the dates for League games to be decided later.

### One H.K.C.C. Team

Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army, who did not participate last year, will be competing again, but whereas Army are entering two teams, Club will be running only one side, in First Division.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, who presided, said that 15 clubs were expected to enter the League and, with the entrance fees collected, together with the balance in hand of \$34.94, he proposed the usual allocation of \$50 to the Children's Playground.

A proposal was made later that, in view of the fact that funds did not permit of a donation to the Bomber Fund at the present, the Champions v Rest game at the end of the season may be set aside for that purpose when "a hat may be passed round."

Probable entries for the League are as follows:

First Division: Kowloon Cricket Club, University, Indian Recreation Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Recreation, Civil Service Cricket Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army.

Second Division: Kowloon Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Recreation, Indian Recreation Club, Civil Service, Police, University and Army.

### Election Of Officers

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President: Mr. H. R. B. Hancock. Vice-President: Mr. F. Goodwin. Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. A. H. Madar.

## Growder Again

A. C. Growder, former Hong Kong Cricket Club spin bowler, again distinguished himself at Singapore when, playing for Singapore Cricket Club against Royal Australian Air Force on Sunday, September 14, he took 3 wickets for 21 runs, and then followed this up with a breezy innings for 58, which included a lusty six that proved the winning hit.

Going in No. 6, he was not out when stumps were drawn at 193 for 7.

### ROYAL SCOTS' SOCCER TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Scots in their Football League games on Sunday:

First team v Navy, Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m. Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser; Muir, Falconer and Clark; Hosack, Fleming, Auld, McDonald and Gilroy.

Reserves: Gibb and Cook.

Second Division v Signals, Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m. Clark, Thomson, S. Parnaby, Gibson, R. Parnaby and Moore; Woods, Bailey, Laws, Gordon and Cornwall.

Reserves: Fowler and Callaghan.

The first day's play in the Wood Trophy match between Shanghai Cricket Club and Recs. saw S.C.C. score 107 runs for 3 (W. P. Hunt 44, J. C. Jenkins 34, R. Duckitt 30) and Recs. reply with 66 for 3 (F. R. Mermant 41).

## VERBATIM'S WIN AT NEWMARKET

Cesarewitch candidates had a try-out at Newmarket yesterday in the Clare Handicap, which was won by Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Verbatim over the same two mile course which is being used for the Cesarewitch on October 22.

Verbatim, starting at 2 to 1 favourite, beat Sir Thomas Dixon's Owen Joans, at 4 to 1, by two lengths, while Major Smith Bingham's Paradise Club, at 8 to 1, was third, a length further behind. — Reuter.

## ST. ANDREW'S CLUB MEETING

The Annual General meeting of St. Andrew's Club was held in the Church Hall yesterday. The Rev. H. A. Wittmann, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, presided, supported by Mr. L. C. Millington and Mr. A. B. Bliss, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

The report revealed that the number of members at the beginning of the year was 129. During the year eight new members were elected and 37 resigned, leaving the Colony or were evacuated, leaving the present membership 100.

Despite the evacuation, the Club was able to raise a ladies' hockey

team, which played many friendly matches during the season.

Following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President—Mr. Wittmann; Vice-President—Messrs. R. Baldwin, R. Dormer, G. S. P. Heywood, A. C. Jeffreys and R. H. Wong; Hon. Secretary—Mr. L. Millington; Hon. Treasurer—A. B. Bliss; Members of Committee—Miss F. Wong, Miss S. Arnold and Messrs. J. Pennington, W. C. Low, J. Moulton and V. Merrett.

Miss F. Wong and J. Pennington were elected captains of the ladies and men's hockey teams respectively.

## PRIZE FOR TIPSTERS

Newspaper racing tipsters are to be encouraged in Bangkok.

A Cabinet member, Major Villat who is also president of the Turf Club and interested in horse-breeding, has decided to award a cup on behalf of the Turf Club to the newspaper which tips the highest number of winners each season. — Reuter.

## BADMINTON ASSN. MEETING

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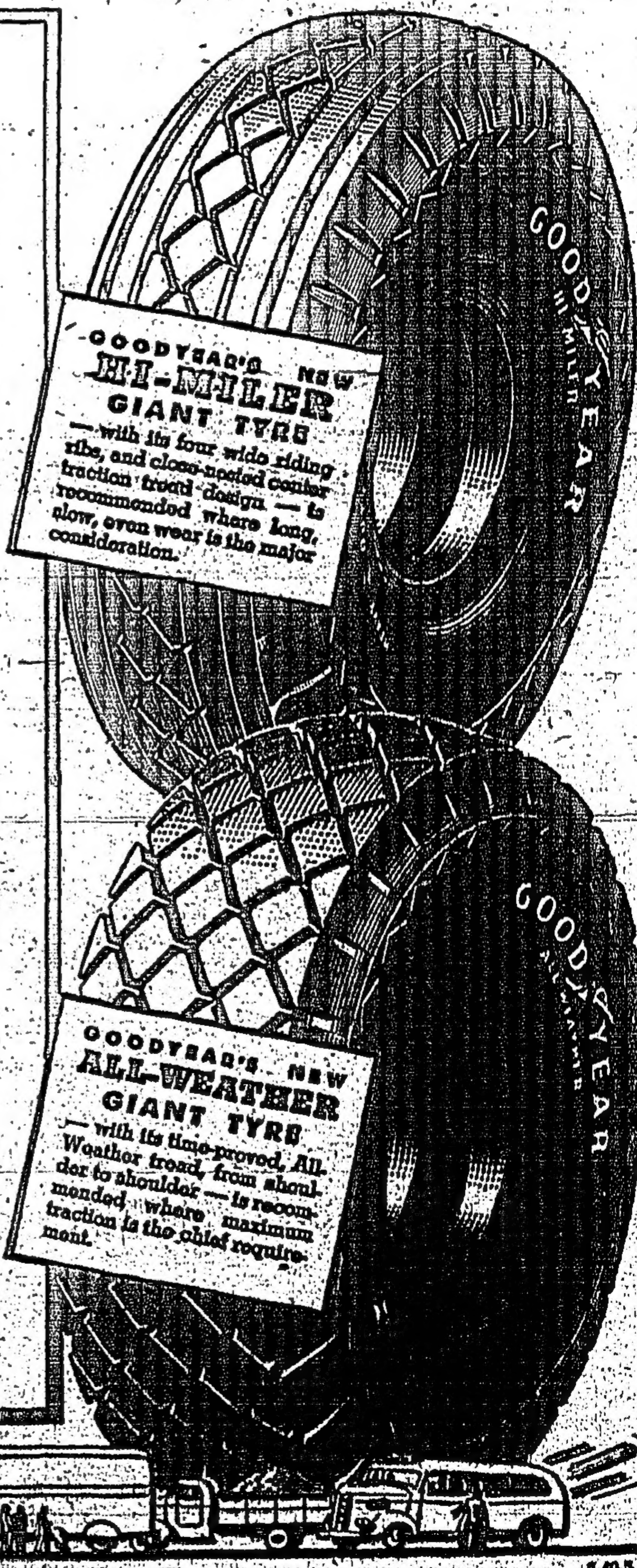
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By "Rapier"

RACING, WITH ALL ITS THRILLS AND GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTIES, WILL RESUME AT THE VALLEY TO-MORROW, AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, WHEN HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB STAGE THEIR SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

There was originally a programme of 10 events, but it has now been extended to 11 on account of the large number of entries in the Gosford Handicap, which has been divided into three sections. The principal event of the day is the Australian Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate, over the Champions distance, for Australian Subscription Ponies of this season.

THE RAILS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION, AND THE GRASS TRACK IS LOOKING IN SPLENDID CONDITION, WHICH SHOULD ADD MATERIALLY TO KEEN COMPETITION.

General satisfaction will be felt over the fact that Mr. H. C. Pih is well on the road to recovery and is likely to ride again in about three months time. Mr. V. V. Needa will be donning colours for Mr. Li Lan-sang only when his services are not required by Mr. T. K. Li.

#### Race No. 1.—ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

The opening race of the day is confined to "C" Class China ponies, to be ridden by Novice jockeys, and in races of this kind punters should bear in mind the ponies that move freely. In this category I name the following amongst the entries which will contest the finish.

Eve of Folly (Mr. S. W. Lee).  
Humdrum Eve (Mr. Chiu Ki Fan).  
Odeon (Mr. T. K. Li).

Thirty Six (Mr. Ho Hong Ping).  
Eve of Folly, which will be running under the colours of Mr. S. W. Lee for the first time, should stand a very good chance of winning in view of its last win in the West River Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post under Mr. R. M. Wood. Humdrum Eve, that old timer, has however, to be reckoned with, although it has not had a win to its credit for a long time, but it has regained its best form and its chances of a win here are very bright. Odeon has shown how good it is during the morning paws and should give a good account against the above two ponies. Thirty Six's last win was in the Kellett Handicap (First Section) over 1-1/4 miles and, as it is looking fit, it should be near at the finish.

#### Race No. 2.—TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST.

This is the first section of the race for "B" Class China ponies, and over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters. Avon will have Mr. Black up, but in view of the shortness of the distance, I think the best it can do is to place. Messrs. Kong Bros. have entered two ponies, and I expect that they will send Go, Star-out under Mr. Craven instead of Wonderful Scheme, which is carrying top-weight of 150 lbs., and it has a good chance of scoring a win here. Then there is Hillsboro Bay, which will be ridden by Mr. Needa, and as we know this pony's capabilities, this combination should be prominent at the finish. Eve of Heaven (Mr. Wei) is also a dangerous contender. So Nice (Mr. S. W. Tang), with only 130 lbs., to handle may be worth a ticket each way.

#### Race No. 3.—AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION PONIES AUTUMN PLATE—ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

This is the principal event of the day and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of this season, weight 140 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every 200 or part thereof won in stakes.

After its record-breaking run in the Manley Handicap (first section), when it dead-heated with Lancashire, Chaps over six furlongs for first position, Mainsail, which will be taken out by Mr. Black to-morrow, will be carrying 140 lbs. This is 10 lbs. more than its last run, and, although it seems rather a lot to carry over this distance, I think it should just manage to beat the post first. King's Flight (Mr. Needa) will also be up in weight by 10 lbs. since its last win under Mr. Wei in the Point Nepean Handicap over this distance and as it is in great form now it won't be far away at the finish.

#### Rapier's Final Selections will appear To-morrow.

#### Race No. 4.—VAUCLUSE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

This race is confined to "B" Class Australian ponies with a proviso that Subscription ponies of 1941 are barred. Judging from the entries, I don't think I shall be far wrong in saying that the winner will come from one of the following:—  
A Happy Time (Mr. Craven).  
Catterick Bridge (Mr. Chao).  
Lucky Lady (Mr. Hearnes).  
Vanguard (Mr. Wei).

#### Race No. 5.—TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be contested by second section "B" Class China ponies. King Kong won the Lead Mine Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs at the last Extra meeting, but, although it will be taken care of by Mr. Chao, I think the distance is a bit too short for its liking. The best bet should be Hopeful Star (Mr. Craven). I am not mentioning it on account of its last run, when it was defeated by King Kong and Expansion Time by the narrowest margin. This pony has had its weight reduced by 12 lbs. and the distance should suit it to a nicety. Highbury (Mr. Chang) is another fast runner over this distance and will probably have a say at the finish if given a runaway start.

#### Race No. 6.—PORT PHILLIP STAKES—ONE MILE.

The contenders in this race are Australian ponies, griffins of this season. Weight 145 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every 200 or part thereof won in stakes, winners of 200 or more in stakes barred.  
I expect the following to figure prominently at the finish:—  
A Blossom Time (Mr. Black).  
Graceful View (Mr. Needa).  
Ratio Decidendi (Mr. Chao).  
Riverside (Mr. Craven).  
A Blossom Time has not as yet won a race, but, as it is moving quite well at the moment, I think it should have a say in this finish. Graceful View, winner of the Great Eight Stakes (second section) over the two-mile post since that run, but, as it has been working extra well at the morning gallops, it stands a good chance of winning here. Ratio Decidendi is also up by 9 lbs. since its last win in the Moreton Bay Stakes (second section) and, judging from that run, it should give Graceful View a good fight for first position. Riverside was second to Ratio Decidendi in the above race, and as this pony has been doing quite nicely during the morning gallops it may cause an upset if it has a good start.

This race is for second section "C" Class Australian ponies, and should



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jockey, will carry only 130 lbs. It may cause a surprise.

#### Race No. 7.—GOSFORD HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS.

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by first section "C" Class Australian ponies. Vis Major (Mr. Chao) has the best recommendation for a win, based on its second placing behind National Courage in the Cabramatta Handicap (second section) over this distance. Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) has been running indifferently lately at the morning gallops, but, should it take it into its head to run straight to-morrow, it should be very near at the finish. Devonian (Mr. Hearnes) should also be considered, and I have a feeling that it may spring a surprise in view of its fine form at the moment. Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) should also be considered as the pony is fast over this distance.

#### Race No. 8.—VAUCLUSE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE.

Second section "B" Class Australian ponies will fight out the issue here with Subscription ponies of 1941 barred. Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven), for equalling the record of 1 1/4 miles distance when it won the Bondi Handicap, will be carrying 8 lbs. less to-morrow and as it is at present fighting fit I am confident it will score another win. Gay Fox (Mr. Black) is another pony which should be watching, as it is also fit at the moment, and a win here is quite possible. Contact (Mr. Davies) has improved greatly, but against the above two ponies it is unlikely to do better than place. Gifford (Mr. Needa) is another candidate capable of being placed in this company if Mr. Needa can keep it up with the leaders.

#### Race No. 9.—GOSFORD HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS.

This race is for second section "C" Class Australian ponies, and should

## CHAN CHUN-NAM BREAKS OWN RECORD IN 880 YARDS SWIM

The Colony Swimming Championships were commenced yesterday at Victoria Recreation Club and were featured by the breaking of the 880 Yards free-style record by Chan Chun-nam, who clipped three-fifths of a second off his 1940 record of 11 minutes 15 3/5 seconds.

Several new events were included in this year's championships and W. Lawrence made a welcome return to competitive swimming when he won the 220 Yards back-stroke event.

In establishing the new record Chan Chun-nam covered the first 220 yards in 2 minutes 34 seconds and the 440 yards in 5 minutes 27 seconds, which was only one and two-fifths of a second outside the record time for that distance.

The usual trio of Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tsi-ping and Yau Sai-kwan, of Lai Tsun, started in this event and the three swimmers kept practically together till the last 30 yards, when Chan started to secure an unexpectedly narrow verdict.

Miss Li Po-luen, of University, retained her title in the Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke event. Miss Kwai Mui-ling led over the first 50 yards, but the champion finished strongly to win by two yards.

#### Lau Sets Pace

For the first 100 yards of the 220 Yards back-stroke event Lau Yiu-fung, of Lai Tsun, led with Rumjahn and Lawrence following in that order. At the 150 yards mark the position had changed to Lawrence, Rumjahn and Lau Yiu-fung and Poon Wing-kai struggling for third place. After the next two lengths Lau fell back to give Poon Wing-kai third place.

Only Miss J. Anderson competed in the Ladies' Fancy Diving events, as the

provide an interesting duel for honours in which I expect to see

Crack Shot (Mr. L. B. Chao).

Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven).

Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearnes).

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang).

Crack Shot won the Warwick Farm Stakes under Mr. S. W. Lee and, although it will be carrying 3 lbs. more to-morrow, there is no reason why it should not win again. Twinkling Star was second in this same race and it will now be handling 7 lbs. less. It is a difficult pony to figure out, but it always provides a late rush and should be there or thereabouts at the finish.

Sydney Lady lost to the above two ponies in this same race whilst carrying 134 lbs., but with 9 lbs. less it may redeem itself here. The Koala Bear has shown great form in morning training at the last couple of outings and may yet spring a surprise when least expected.

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other entrant, Miss Josephine Ng, had left for Chungking.

Miss V. Churn, of University, won the Ladies' 220 Yards free-style event—a new event—comfortably, while Miss C. Guterres, of Victoria Recreation Club, did well to beat Miss Ho Wai-ling of Chinese Bathing Club for second place in a close finish.

The Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley—also a new event—provided Ng Nin with a new title. He beat Tsang Cheong-ming easily after leading from the start.

#### V.R.C. Events

Interspersed with the Championship events were a number of Victoria Recreation Club members' events, and the best of these was the Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap, which was won by G. Rossetti.

The championships will be continued to-morrow evening, prices of admission being \$1.20 and 60 cents.

Following were the results:—

Men's 880 Yards free-style:—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun). Time: 11 mins. 13 secs. (record); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun). Time: 11 mins. 16.4 secs.; 3. Lau Tsi-ping (Lai Tsun). Time: 11 mins. 18.3 secs.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Junior Championship:—1. J. A. Marques. Time: 33 secs.; 2. A. Alves. Time: 34 secs.; 3. L. Vieira. Time: 34.4 secs. Also swam:—C. Marcal.

V.R.C. Boys' 50 Yards free-style Handicap:—1. L. Sequeira (11). Time: 30.4 secs.; 2. E. da Noronha (go). Time: 30.2 secs.; 3. J. Carvalho (15). Time: 30.4 secs. Also swam:—E. Souza (18) and G. Rossetti (22).

Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—1. Miss Li Po-luen (H.K.U.). Time: 1 min. 22.2/5 secs.; 2. Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun). Time: 1 min. 30.3/5 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.). Time: 1 min. 31.1/5 secs. Also swam:—Miss Ng Shui-lin (Residents).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap:—1. H. A. Silva (1). Time: 1 min. 13.4/5 secs.; 2. L. Vieira (4). Time: 1 min. 13.4/5 secs.; 3. R. Sequeira (2). Time: 1 min. 13.3/5 secs. Also swam:—C. L. Rozario (go) and C. Silva-Netto (14).

Men's 220 Yards back-stroke (new event):—1. W. Lawrence (V.R.C.). Time: 2 mins. 59.1/5 secs.; 2. A. K. Rumjahn (V.B.C.). Time: 3 mins. 2/5 secs.; 3. Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun). Time: 3 mins. 0 secs. Also swam:—A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.) and Lau Yiu-fung (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Ladies' 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—1. Miss Myra Noronha. Time: 35 secs.; 2. Miss Theresa Ivanovich. Time: 35.4/5 secs.

Ladies' Farley Diving:—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Junior Championship:—1. H. Reynolds. Time: 33.2/5 secs.; 2. E. D. da Rosa. Time: 33.2/5 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-ling (C.B.C.). Time: 3 mins. 14 secs. Also swam:—Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap:—1. G. Rossetti (4). Time: 59.1/5 secs.; 2. J. Roza-Pereira (7). Time: 57.1/5 secs.; 3. J. Gomes (9). Time: 54.2/5 secs. Also swam:—E. Souza (go) and C. Guterres (2).

Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley (new event):—1. Ng Nin (Sing Tao). Time: 1 min. 40.3/5 secs.; 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun). Time: 2 mins. 2.4/5 secs.

#### BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Black Cats and Sing Tao will meet Ping Ching and Indian Police respectively in the Open Basketball League at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening.

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# LENINGRAD DEFENCE PIERCED, RESTORED

## Heavy Fighting In North And In Crimea

### ISLE OF MAN INCIDENTS

The disturbance at the Peel (Isle of Man) internment camp which followed the recapture of three men who had escaped, is the subject of an official inquiry by the Home Office.

A statement issued yesterday stated the inquiry is nearing completion and already it is clear that some of the accounts of the incident were exaggerated.

There was much shouting and disorderly conduct but no assault directed at any person and only two were slightly injured. The Home Secretary, however, takes a serious view of the disturbance and appropriate measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs when the inquiry is completed.—Reuter.

### U.S. MISSION FOR VATICAN TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington Diplomatic sources yesterday stated that a three-man American mission is leaving the U.S. by Clipper to-day to continue the talks with the Vatican begun by Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal emissary.—International News Service.

### Bottleneck Isthmus

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

APPARENTLY THROWING FOUR MECHANISED DIVISIONS INTO THE FRY, THE GERMAN FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED THE ANTICIPATED ATTACK AGAINST THE CRIMEAN PENINSULA, ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

It was stated the Germans are trying to force a way through the "bottleneck" Perekop isthmus joining the Crimea with the Russian mainland.

German drives along the Sea of Azov towards Stalin and Rostov, on the Don, will, it is believed, be enough consolidated to prevent Russian flanking attacks.

Although no information has reached London to confirm the use of German air-borne or parachute troops in the offensive against the Crimea, it is believed this form of assault, supported by the Luftwaffe, is likely, since Russia dominates the sea routes.

The attack indicates that the Germans have consolidated the southern line east of the Dnieper River.

### War Of Attrition

The Germans may intend only a war of attrition against the Crimea, to protect the Nazi flank to the east.

If the Nazis do manage to break through to the Crimea they will probably follow up with a drive against the Russian naval base at Sebastopol with a heavier force than the four divisions employed in the present attack.

### Leningrad Battle

In Moscow yesterday, it was stated that Red Army troops are advancing after beating off powerful German mechanised blows which pierced one sector of Leningrad's defences.

On the Odessa front two Rumanian divisions were cut off and then forced into a costly retreat as the Russian defence line advanced around the Black Sea port.

The Germans, in addition to claiming a "tightening of the ring round Leningrad" and "fierce house-to-house fighting" in one sector, allege that German heavy artillery set on fire a 10,000-ton ship in Leningrad harbour.

### "Doomed"

Other guns, it is added, silenced the guns of Russian warships which shelled the German positions.

"Leningrad," trumpets Goebbels, "is doomed to a fate as tragic as Warsaw."—International News Service.

### DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GRAVE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE SECOND PERSONAL TRAGEDY WITHIN THE WHITE HOUSE (THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW) BECLOUDED THE VISIT OF THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR YESTERDAY.

Because of the death of G. Hall Roosevelt, the scheduled White House luncheon for the Royal couple was cancelled. Instead, the Duke and his American-born Duchess had a 27-minute talk with President Roosevelt in his oval study.

The Duke and Duchess were invited back to lunch upon their return from the Duke's Alberta (Canada) ranch in a fortnight's time.—International News Service.

### STOP PRESS

Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman at to-day's Tokyo press conference, indicated the Government is considering the possibility of a restoration of trans-Pacific shipping services.

He was replying to a question whether the Post Office's acceptance of mail matter bound for Hawaii and the U.S. up to Nov. 3 implied the Government was planning to arrange shipping services. "Such a possibility is being considered," Mr. Ishii said.

When asked whether such vessels would carry passengers he replied: "Of course, otherwise it would be meaningless." He indicated, however, that the ships may not carry cargo.—Reuter.

### MANILA MINELAND INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was unconfirmably reported in Manila yesterday that a United States warship stopped and boarded a fishing sampan which ignored warning shots and tried to enter the mined area of Manila Bay.—International News Service.

### RATE OF RUPEE RAISED

Indian exchange banks to-day raised the rupee rate by 1/32 to 1/6d as the improvement in Indian exports has strengthened the worldwide demand for rupees. The Indian Reserve Bank's buying rate for sterling from banks remains at 1/6d.—Reuter.

### QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL MISHAP

Paymaster Lieutenant J. C. Brown, residing at No. 64, Macdonnell Road, was fined \$5 this morning for driving without due care and caution at the Queen Mary Hospital approach road on September 1.

It was stated that he collided with an ambulance.

One of the best-known British lawyers in Shanghai, Mr. Kenneth Edward Newman, died suddenly last night. He was 53.—Reuter.

## RUMANIAN TROOPS ROUTED AT ODESSA

THE POSITION of the Odessa garrison has been greatly improved by an action in which the 13th and 15th Rumanian Infantry Divisions were routed for the second time, it was announced in Moscow yesterday.

These troops, after an earlier mauling at the hands of the Russians, were reformed and flung against the defences in an effort on which their commanders evidently pinned high hopes, says the "Red Star."

After day-long fighting the Rumanians broke through the Soviet lines at the cost of several hundred dead.

Undismayed the Russians regrouped their forces and attacked the flank of the Rumanian troops and isolated them from the main army before the breach could be exploited.

When on the other flank a surprise attack was made with the aid of Soviet naval units landed from the sea, the Rumanians broke and fled.

"As a result," the "Red Star" concluded, "the defence line of Odessa was pushed forward a considerable distance."—Reuter.

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